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Annual Report 2016-17

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From the desk of Chairperson



In the past one year the Commission has seen many transitions: the very capable former chairperson made way for a new one. The commission has many new faces in its membership as also in its staff members. There are new initiatives being taken along with the existing ones. The Commission has started holding regular hearings in its premises, and has gone in for direct interventions where speed is needed to ensure justice. The members and the staff are working tirelessly to fulfill the commitment that the Commission is committed to. The Commission has voiced concern over the deplorable condition of the Child Care Institutions (CCI) and tried to improve it through inspection visits on a continuous basis and submission of critical review reports with necessary recommendations to the Government of West Bengal. In numerous cases, the Commission took suo motu cognizance based on various media reports and took action on POCSO, RTE and JJ Cases.

The Commission has started acquiring resources from CSR. A number of corporate houses have already started providing support to the Commission to make the various child protection programmes a success.

It has organized a 'State Level Consultation Workshop on POCSO Act, 2012 & Child Rights and Child Trafficking in 'Tea Gardens' in Darjeeling, supported by NCPCR. This is the first time where eight Judicial Magistrates and one Session Judge actively participated in such Consultation.

The Commission has brought out 'Hullor', the first ever quarterly children's magazine written by the residents of CCI across West Bengal.

While media ignites awareness in us by providing information and knowledge and plays a constructive role for the society by raising social issues but all newspapers are not equally responsible in presenting facts and information. Sometimes either they sensationalize or trivialise the matter which creates hindrances in getting justice to the survivors. In such type of cases, the Commission has played a very proactive role by serving notices to the Media Houses and they have taken the necessary actions.

So, the commission has decided to give 'Shishushree' award for sensitive, responsible and responsive media reporting on children.

The Commission has prepared 4 spots on the issues of child marriage, child trafficking, child labour and RTE to raise awareness and sensitize the common mass through telecasting in electronic media and also as hoardings in significant places in the city.

The Commission had decided that from 2016 onwards the Poush Mela at Shantiniketan would be celebrated as the "Child Friendly and Child Labour free fair". This was for the first time in the state where a fair or festival has been recognised as a Child Labour Free Fair.

The Commission has taken initiative to work with the WB Syllabus Committee for inclusion of gender equality, transgender and adoption in the school syllabus as until and unless children are made aware of gender sensitivity, it would never be possible to prevent child abuse.

The Commission has hired a professional counsellor for schools to support a safe learning environment and work to safeguard the human rights of all members of the school community. It also supported the CCIs by providing trained counsellor for creating a confidential & positive environment for children to ventilate their feelings & experiences.

The famous transgender footballer 'Bony' has been appointed by the Commission as a 'Coach' for the children of CCIs.

With the initiative and efforts of WBCPCR, the internationally famous fashion designer Ms Bibi Russel has kindly consented to train the residents of SMM Liluah Home to develop their skill for livelihood.

The Commission coordinates on a regular basis with the District Magistrates, District Child Protection Units and Child Welfare Committees across all districts of West Bengal for a strong and effective monitoring to prevent the violations of child rights in the State of West Bengal.

The Commission is also giving importance on interstate collaboration to learn 'best practices' for smooth and more effective functioning.

The Commission has played a significant role in intervention and investigation process in collaboration with the CID in matters related to child trafficking.

As the Commission acts as the Nodal Agency of RTE in West Bengal, so it has started to work with civil society groups, academia, government officials, legislators, members of the Judiciary and all other stakeholders to build a movement to ensure that every child of this state gets the opportunity to read in school in a child friendly environment and enabled to get at least 8 years of quality education.

Last but not the least, the Commission would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to all State and District level Officials, Law Enforcement Agencies, Judiciaries and Civil Society Organisations for their active support and cooperation throughout the year.

Ananya Chatterjee Chakraborti
Chairperson
WBCPCR



List of Members of WBCPCR

LIST OF MEMBERS

1. Ms. Ananya Chatterjee Chakraborti - Chairperson
(from September 2016 to till date)
2. Ms. Chaitali Maitra - Member (till Feb, 2017)
3. Mr. Soumitra Ray - Member
4. Ms. Anita Basu - Member
5. Mr. Joy Bhadra - Member (till Feb, 2017)
6. Ms. Suma Mukherjee - Member (till Feb, 2017)

Managing pattern of CPR

Sl No	Name of the post	Filled up	Vacant (X)
1	Secretary	✓	(Acting)
2	Joint Secretary	✓	
3	Assistant Secretary	✓	
4	Law Officer	✓ (on part time basis)	
5	Accountant -cum- UDA (1)	✓	
6	Stenographer (Two)		×
7	Section Officer	✓	
8	UD Assistant (one)	✓	
9	LD Assistant (two)		×
10	LD Assistant with computer Knowledge (Two)		×
11	Peon (Six)		×
12	Night guard -cum- Gatekeeper (One)		×
Total		6	13



The Commission has engaged a few consultants from different child development related fields. Advertisements were published in a leading newspaper and in the Commission's website.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Tenure
1.	Arpita Nath	Consultant (Part-time)	June 2016 to till date
2.	Mayank Kumar	Consultant (Part-time)	June 2016 to May 2017
3.	Sajal Kanti Samanta	Consultant (Part-time)	June 2016 to August 2016
4.	Aranya Sen	Consultant (Part-time)	August 2016 to till date
5.	Joy Neogi	Financial Consultant (Full time)	November 2016- till date
6.	Bipasha Roy	Senior Consultant	November 2016 to February 2017
7.	Mahuya Santra	Editorial Consultant	November 2016- till date
8.	Maumita Chatterjee	Consultant (CPO- UNICEF)	February 2017- till date
9.	Indrani Chakraborty	Programme Consultant	April 2017- till date
10.	Nasib Khan	Legal Consultant	April 2017- till date



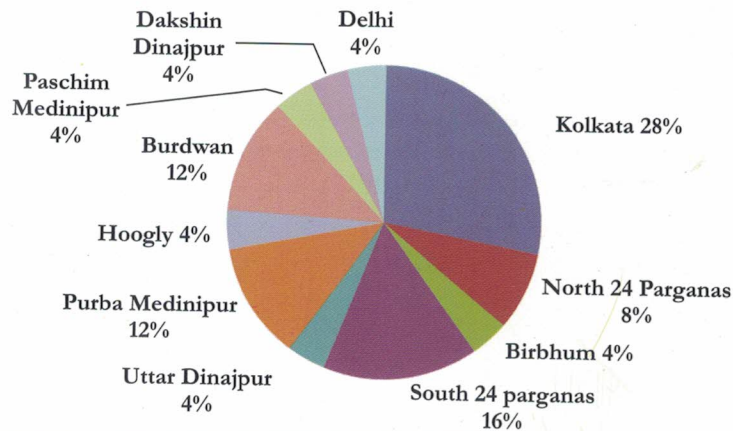
Glimpses of the year 2016-17

Complaints addressed and actions taken:**A. Complaints lodged under Right to Education Act, 2009
(between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)**

State/ Districts	Number of complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cogniz- ance	Actions taken
Kolkata	7	Individual-5 NGO-2		Closed-2 Under Process- 3 Case can be closed- 2
North 24 Parganas	2	Individual-2		Case can be closed-1 Under Process 1
Birbhum	1		1	Under Process 1
South 24 Parganas	4	NGO-3 Individual - 1		Under Process 2 Report received -2
Uttar Dinajpur	1	Individual		Under Process
Purba Medinipur	3		3	Under Process- 3
Hoogly	1	NGO		Under Process
Burdwan	3	Individual-1 NGO-1 Guardian's Forum- 1		Under Process- 3
Paschim Medinipur	1	Individual		Under Process
Dakshin Dinajpur	1	Individual		Under Process
Delhi	1	Individual		Under Process



Number of complaints addressed under RTE

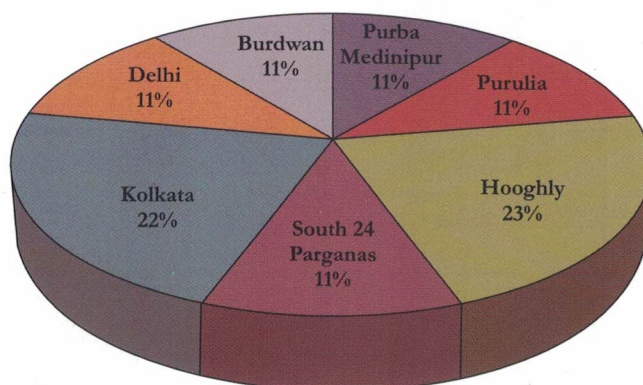


The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under RTE were on: Non -issuing of Transfer Certificate, denial of admission in school, giving corporal punishment, vulnerable situation of students due to political disturbance(suo- motu cognizance), seeking clarification from a school for changing the exam schedule , child abuse, complaint against Head Master of school for capturing photos of students and guardians in his personal phone without permission, expulsion of an orphan child ,loss of vision of the child due to negligence at the end of Head Master.

B. Complaints lodged under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of children) Act, 2015 (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Purba Medinipur	1	NGO		Case can be closed
Purulia	1	ADM		Under Process
Hoogly	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process-2
South 24 Parganas	1	Individual		Under Process
Kolkata	2	Individual-1	1	Under Process-2
Delhi	1	Individual		Case Closed
Burdwan	1	Individual		Under Process

Number of complaints addressed under JJ Act, 2015

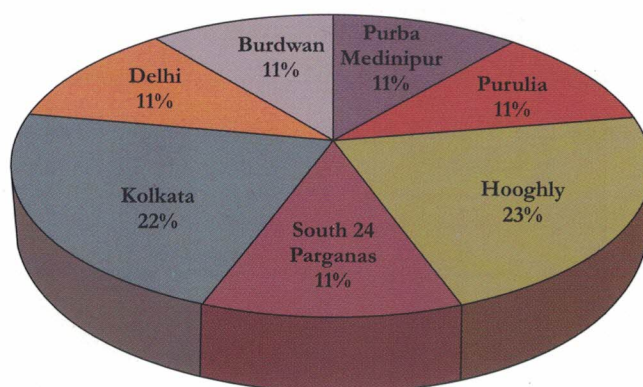


The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under JJ Act were on : Non Granting of Child care leave for adopted child, protection of a minor girl, detention of teenager in home, rescue of minor girls, prayer for child custody.

C. Complaints lodged under POCSO Act (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	4	Received from Women's Commission- 1 Individual- 1	2	Under Process- 3 Can be closed-1
Hoogly	1	Received from Women's Commission		Under Process
Malda	2		2	Under Process-1 Closed-1
North 24 Parganas	5	Individual- 2 Received from Women's Commission-1	2	Under Process-5
Purba Medinipur	1	Individual		Can be closed
Uttar Dinajpur	1	Individual		Under Process

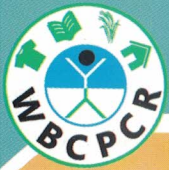
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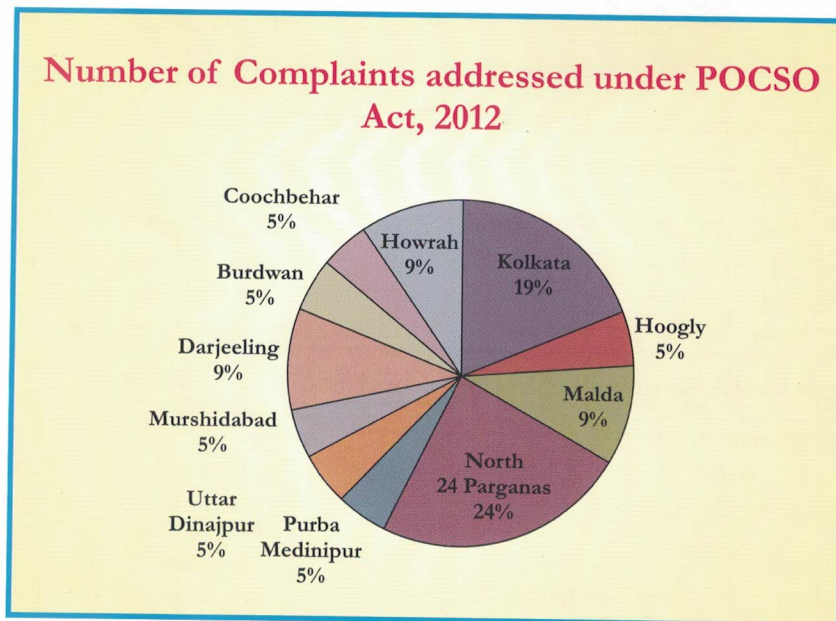
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C. Complaints lodged under POCSO Act (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	4	Received from Women's Commission- 1 Individual- 1	2	Under Process- 3 Can be closed-1
Hoogly	1	Received from Women's Commission		Under Process
Malda	2		2	Under Process-1 Closed-1
North 24 Parganas	5	Individual- 2 Received from Women's Commission-1	2	Under Process-5
Purba Medinipur	1	Individual		Can be closed
Uttar Dinajpur	1	Individual		Under Process



Murshidabad	1	Individual		Under Process
Darjeeling	2	Received from Women's Commission-1	1	Under Process- 1 Closed- 1
Burdwan	1		1	Under Process
Coochbehar	1		1	Under Process
Howrah	2	NGO-1	1	Under Process- 2



The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under POCSO Act, 2012 were on: Violation of child rights, molestation and rape of minor girls, sexual abuse and mental torture by private tutor, gang rape of minor girl, sexual abuse of children in child care institutions.

D. Complaints lodged related to child labour (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

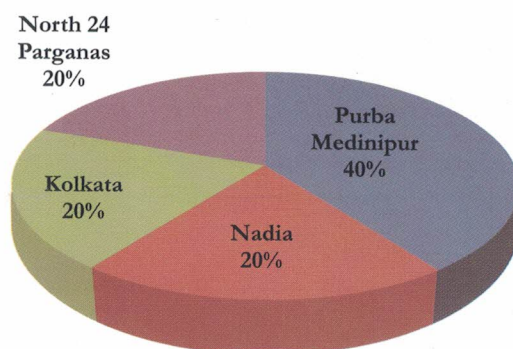
State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	2	Individual-1	1	Under Process-2



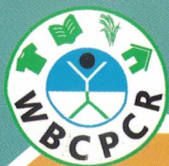
E. Complaints lodged under The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Purba Medinipur	2	NGO-1	DCPO- 1	Under Process-2
Nadia	1	Individual		Under Process
Kolkata	1		1	Closed
North 24 Parganas	1		1 (based on the complaint received from the Commission)	Under Process

**Number of Complaints addressed under
The Prohibition of Child Marriage
Act, 2006**



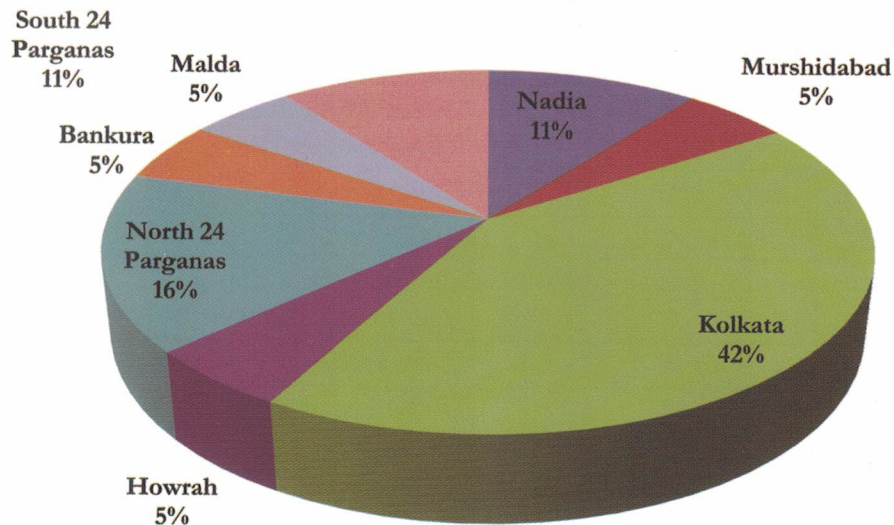
The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 were on: Violation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, misleading advertisement of their products by Anjali Jewellers through hoardings. Among these, one of the complaints was against a Police Station and DCPO for being indifferent in taking necessary action against child marriage.



F. Number of Complaints addressed related to Trafficking (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Nadia	2	NGO-1	1(Based on the report received from Women's Commission)	Under Process-2
Murshidabad	1	DSWO		Under Process
Kolkata	8	Received from CWC Kolkata-2 NGO-2	4	Under Process-6 Closed-1 Can be closed-1
Howrah	1	Received from Women's Commission		Closed
North 24 Parganas	3	Superintendent of Child Care Institutions-1 Individual- 1	1	Under Process-2 Closed-1
Bankura	1	Individual		Under Process
Malda	1	Individual		Closed
South 24 Parganas	2		2	Under Process- 2

Number of Complaints addressed related to Trafficking



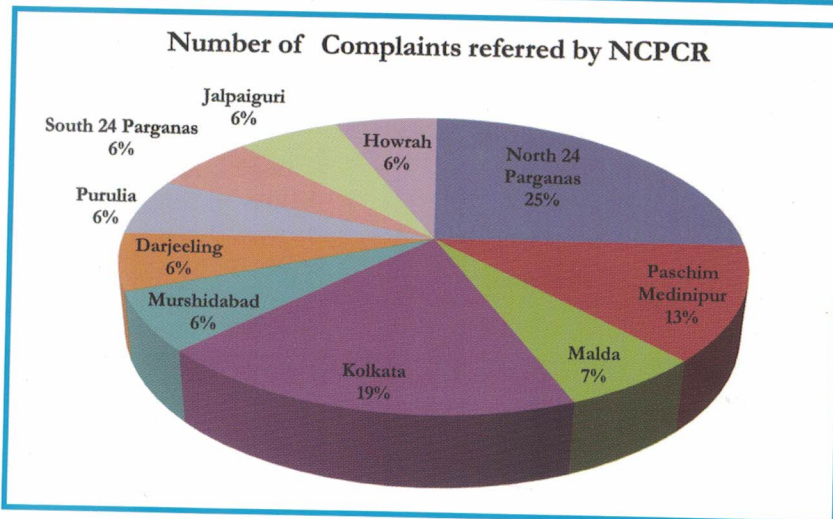
G. Number of Complaints addressed related to custody battles (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
South 24 Parganas	1	Individual		Under Process
Paschim Medinipur	1	Received from Women's Commission		Under Process
Purba Medinipur	1	Individual		Under Process



H. Number of Complaints referred by NCPCR (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	4	Report will be sent to NCPCR-1 Report Forwarded to NCPCR-1 Under Process- 2
Paschim Medinipur	2	Under Process-2
Malda	1	Under Process
Kolkata	3	Under Process-2 Interim report sent to NCPCR-1
Murshidabad	1	Case details shared with Complainer
Darjeeling	1	Under Process
Purulia	1	File can be closed
South 24 Parganas	1	File can be closed
Jalpaiguri	1	Under Process
Howrah	1	Final Hearing Report sent to both the accused and the complainer



The complaints referred by NCPCR were on: Sexual assault, child labour, child murder, sexual abuse of minor girls, harassment of students studying in Madrasha in the guise of child welfare, cheating related to adoption, deprivation of fundamental rights of children.


I. Number of Complaints addressed in relation to missing child (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	1	Individual		The child was rescued and the case was closed

J. Number of Complaints addressed in relation to institution internals (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
South 24 Parganas	2	Individual-1 Received from Women's Commission- 1		Under Process-2
Dakshin Dinajpur	1	Individual		Under Process
Purba Medinipur	1	Individual		Under Process
Murshidabad	1	Individual		Under Process

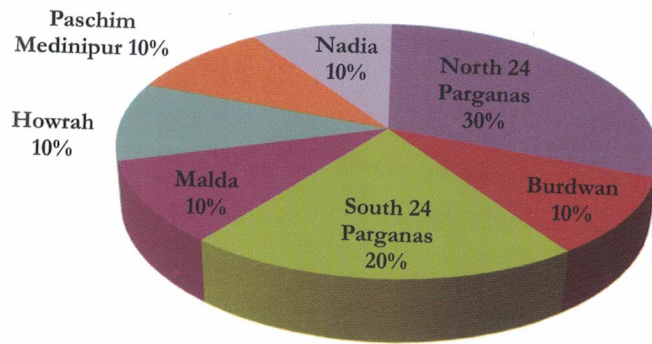
K. Number of Complaints addressed in relation to child treatment death and accidents (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	3	NGO-1	2	Case can be closed-1 Under Process- 1 Closed- 1



Burdwan	1		1 (Based on the complaint of NGO)	Under Process
South 24 Parganas	2		2 (1 based on the complaint of NGO)	Report would be sent to NCPCR-1 Closed-1
Malda	1		1	Under Process
Howrah	1		1	Under Process
Paschim Medinipur	1		1	Under Process
Nadia	1		1	Closed

Number of Complaints addressed in relation to child treatment death and accidents

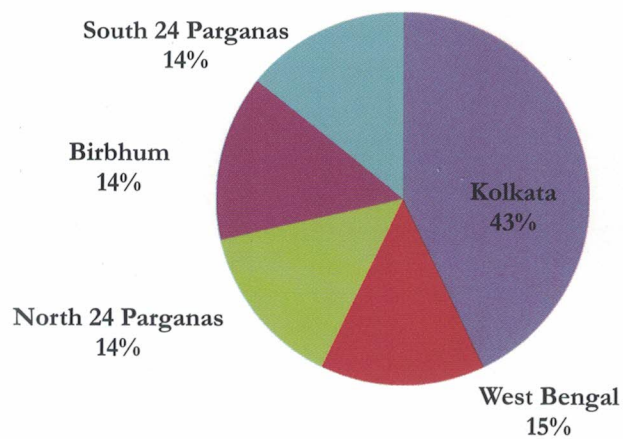


L. Number of Complaints addressed in relation to child abuse and ill treatment (between 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)

State/ Districts	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	3	Individual-2	1	Under Process-3
West Bengal	1	Individual		Under Process
North 24 Parganas	1	Individual		Under Process

Birbhum	1	Individual		Under Process
South 24 Parganas	1	Women's Commission		

Number of Complaints addressed in relation to child abuse and ill treatment

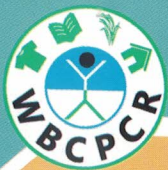


Case Studies

Suhina Khatun is a young girl of 16 years who resided in a village of North 24 Parganas. She used to go to school, but her parents arranged her marriage without her consent to shove off their responsibility. She shared it with her friends, but they could not stop it. Then she informed the Headmaster of her school. He tried to persuade her family members, but they did not pay heed to him. Then he approached the police at the local p.s. The parents were forced to give a declaration to the police that they would not get her married. But, within a couple of days, they again arranged her marriage.

Then on the day of marriage, Suhina managed to call up the police by using a phone of one of her relatives and she could stop her marriage.

Suhina got the Bravery Award 2016 introduced by WBSCPCR for her commendable effort to stop child marriage and bring a positive change in her life



In the month of November, 2016 WBSCPCR had got a complaint from Seema and Sabina (name withheld) two young girls of minority group who belonged to marginalised community in Barasat, North 24 parganas. Their private pictures were taken by a person who used to blackmail them with the same. Out of sheer humiliation and fear, they had to confine themselves within the four walls of their home. As soon as the Commission got the complaint, it successfully intervened and physically inspected it as a case of violation of child rights. It took steps immediately. The accused who was allegedly blackmailing the poor girls was arrested. The Commission arranged for the police protection of the survivors. The girls have been able to appear for their examinations also. The Commission is still following up with these girls and their family members.

Jalal Ahmed (name withheld) - a boy of class VI who belonged to a socio-economically poor family was beaten and thrown out of a school in Gardenreach area by the teachers on the ground of being unruly in school. He lost his mother in his early childhood. His father lodged a complaint to the Commission. The Commission arranged for a Hearing where the Members of the Managing Committee of the school and the father of the child were present. Based on the order served by the Commission, the school took back the child and the school authority admitted the fault at their end. Moreover, the Commission has arranged for a trained counsellor for the school who has taken sessions with the children. The boy has been able to appear for his final examination. He passed and was promoted to next class with satisfactory marks. His father has mentioned that a positive change is being observed within him after going through a few sessions of counselling. It has also been decided that the trained counsellor will take further sessions with the children, especially with the teachers of the school to make the environment child friendly.

Mumtaj Khatun (name withheld) - a girl of 15 years was raped in a house under construction in Topsia in 2016. Initially, she could not tell this to her parents. Later on, when she shared this, her parents took her to the police station. But, after taking note of the incident, the police referred the case to another police station. In the second police station, the police refused to take the FIR. She became completely traumatised. The news was published in the Times of India. Soon, the Commission took suo motu cognizance. The Chairperson contacted the Commissioner of Police and asked for an enquiry report. The DCDD took over the case. The Investigating Officer contacted the Commission. The survivor was admitted to Chittoranjan Hospital for treatment. The Chairperson and the Members visited her. By the initiative of the Commission, the accused person was arrested under the POCSO Act. Her father was a drunkard and she used to stay with her grandmother and uncle. After the incident, she had to leave her school also.

The Commission recommended :

- i) Readmission in school.
- ii) A monthly scholarship of Rs 2000 under the Sponsorship Scheme of District Legal Aid Services Authority.
- iii) One time compensation of Rs 2,00,000 from the Department of Women and Child.



Programmes undertaken :

Visits /Meetings-

a) **Attended by Chairperson, WBCPCR** (From the month of September 2016 to 31st March 2017)

Date	Place	Purpose of visit
12.12. 2016	SMM Liluah Home, Howrah	For Home Inspection
15.1.2017	Duttapukur, North 24 Parganas	To meet a survivor of violence and the District Administrative Officials
22.12.2016- 24.12.2016	Bolpur	Meeting on Child Friendly Poush Mela
30.1.2017	Burdwan	For Home Inspection and visit to Burdwan University
31.1.2017	Barasat	Visit to Kishalaya Home
6.2.2017	SMM Liluah Home, Howrah And Dhruvashram, Ariadaha, North 24 Parganas	For Home Inspection
9.2.2017	Belghoria Police Station	Inauguration of child friendly police station
13.2.2017	Uttarpara and Chandannagar, Hoogly	Visit to Uttarpara Destitute Home and a NGO run home 'Prabartak Sangha Boarding'
1.1.2017	SMM Liluah Home, Howrah	For Home Inspection
14.3.2017- 16.3.2017	Bolpur- Shantiniketan, Birbhum	For a meeting with DCPOs, DSWOs, Members of CWC of Birbhum, Bardhaman, Bankura and Hoogly
27.3.2017- 28.3.2017	Darjeeling	State Level Consultation on POCSO and Child Trafficking in tea gardens
29.3.2017	Darjeeling	Review Meeting on Consultation , Visit of Homes, Tea gardens, Government offices



b) Attended by – Mr. Soumitra Ray, Member-WBCPCR.

Date	Place	Purpose of Visit
04/11/16 & 05/11/16	National Level Conference of India on Protection of Child Rights in Tea Plantation	
24/11/16	Maldah Districts- 5 schools	Surprise visit to monitor the health, hygiene as well as meals
25/11/16	Maldah Districts- 5 schools	
20/01/17	Maldah Children's Home for girls - Chandipur Shelter Home - Haiderpur Shelter of Malda for New Born - Beauty Khatoon was visited at Shelter home, following which she was awarded with the 'Bravery award'	
31/01/17	'Nivedita Gramin Karma Mandir', Paschim Mednipur	
01/03/17	Jatragachi Pranabananda High School, Rajarhat	
04/03/17	India Habitat Centre , New Delhi	'State Operating Plan for Care and Protection of Children in street situation', organized by – NCPCR
14/03/17	Chanchal Rani Byakhyan, Primary School	Surprise visit to monitor the health, hygiene as well as meals
14/03/17	Chanchal, Siddheshwari High Attach Primary School- 4 schools	
15/03/17	Malda- 4 schools in 3 constituencies	
29/03/17	Sahid Bandana Smriti Mahila Abagh and School for Blind Children	

c) Attended by – Ms Anita Basu, Member-WBCPCR

Month	Place	Purpose of Visit
May 2016	Delhi	Workshop on JJ Act organised by NCPCR
August 2016	Mumbai	Workshop on POCSO organised by NCPCR
February 2017	Ranchi	Meeting on JJ Act organised by UNICEF
February 2017	SMM Liluah Home, Howrah	For Home Inspection
March 2017	Sanlaap	Meeting on POCSO



d) Attended by – Mr Joy Bhadra, Member-WBCPCR

Date	Place	Purpose of Visit
5.12.2016- 6.12.2016	Coochbehar 1. Sahid Bandana Smriti Mahila Abash (Government run Children Home, Registered Under JJ Act) 2. Children Home for Blind Boys (Government run Children Home, Registered Under JJ Act) 3. Matri Ashray, Mathabhanga (Non-government unregistered Children Home) 4. Trinity Home for Boys, Cooch Behar (Non-government unregistered Children Home)	Surprise visit to monitor the health, hygiene as well as meals.

e) Attended by – Ms Chaitali Moitra , Member-WBCPCR.

Month	Place	Purpose of Visit
December 2016	North 24 Parganas and Kolkata	She jointly conducted a review enquiry with NCPCR on child trafficking cases



Events/ Workshops/ Consultation:

- A team of two members represented the WBCPCR in the national level workshop in Assam regarding “Conditions of Children in the plantations of India”. A presentation was done reflecting the status of children in the tea estates of West Bengal. The Commission is also formulating a master plan regarding these children after a survey has been conducted in the Tea Estate of Alipurduar in convergence with the WBCPCR and an NGO.
- The members of the WBCPCR participated in a seminar organised by Chandigarh State Commission For Protection of Child Rights (CSCPCR) in Delhi on the Juvenile Justice Act
- WBCPCR participated in a National seminar in the month of January 2017 organised by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development on ‘Safety of Girl Students in School’ and also did a presentation on the said theme.
- State Level Consultation Workshop on: ‘POCSO Act,2012 & Child Rights and Child Trafficking’:- The West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights organized and implemented a ‘State Level Consultation Workshop on POCSO Act, 2012 & Child Rights and Child Trafficking in Tea Gardens’, on 27th and 28th of March, 2017 at Bhanu Bhawan , Darjeeling. This workshop was supported by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). Seven districts of North Bengal namely : Malda, South Dinajpur, North Dinajpur, Coochbehar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling and Kalimpong were covered under this consultation workshop.

WBCPCR would be organizing two more such workshops covering the remaining districts of West Bengal

Recommendations from the workshop:

- ① Establishment of Special Courts devoted exclusively to deal with the cases of POCSO
- ① Training of Medical practitioners to deal sensitively and effectively with the victims of sexual abuse
- ① Sensitization of Media
- ① Emphasis on the greater role of SJPU
- ① Establishment of Government Protection homes for victims

Observance of ‘Child Right’s Week’, 2016:

- The Commission celebrated the Children’s Day and the Child Rights Week from 14th – 20th November, 2016 all over West Bengal. More than 15,000 Children from 20 districts participated in the week long programme in their respective districts. The Child Protection week was also celebrated in different closed and sick tea gardens of Kalchini and Madarihat – Birpara block of Alipurduar district.



- The week long programme came to its conclusion with the celebration of the International Child Rights Day by the WBCPCR at The Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Saltlake on 21st November, 2016. More than 1200 people including 600 children from 19 districts participated in the programme.
- From this year the WBCPCR introduced Bravery Awards for the children named “Birangana and Birpurush Puraskar”. 19 adolescent girls of 10 districts who played active roles in the prevention of child marriage and abuse and thus inspired other community women were felicitated and awarded this year.

Observation of State Child Protection Day – 9th June, 2016

The WBCPCR organised a programme with the help of state and district officials along with several NGOs to observe the State Child Protection Day on 9th June, 2016.

The former Chairperson Prof Ashokendu Sengupta in his inaugural speech briefly explained the background of celebrating Child Protection Day.

Dr Shashi Panja, Minister of State – Woman & Child Development and Social Welfare (Independent Charge) and Health and Family Welfare and Ms Roshni Sen (IAS), Secretary, Women & Child Development & Social Welfare Department told that the Government was acutely conscious of the safety and protection of children throughout the year and emphasized on child inspectorate to prevent child marriage, kidnapping and encouraged the children to go to school.

According to Ms Stuti Kackar, children are the most valuable resource of any country. Therefore they should be protected by providing suitable environment. “Khoya Paya” is a very good innovation in this regard.

The programme became more spontaneous with the active participation of children from different districts of West Bengal.

The highlights of the programme included awarding the children who secured good scores in Madhyamik and Higher Secondary Examination, 2016 and honouring the District Level functionaries of several districts with certificates of honour in recognition of their contributions towards child protection.



Significant Achievements:

During the financial year 2016-2017, the Commission has taken quite a few important initiatives to fulfil its mandate which are as follows.

- The Commission conducted a Public Hearing in North Bengal covering 8 districts in two phases on RTE.
- The Commission has taken suo motu cognizance over quite a few cases and handled a number of POCSO, RTE and JJ Cases.
- The Commission had decided that from 2016 onwards the *Poush Mela* at Shantiniketan would be celebrated as the “Child Friendly and Child Labour free fair”. This was the first time in India that a fair or festival has been recognised as a Child Labour Free Fair. Each child was given a hand band stating their name, address and contact numbers. This band was available in all hotels, rail stations, bus terminuses including all entrance gates of the fair. Apart from this, the Commission would like to see other fairs of West Bengal as “Child Friendly Fairs”.
- The Commission organised a programme at Sukanya Home on the day of Bhaifonta where boys from Kishalay Home came to take phonta. The Children’s Day was also celebrated in Kishalay Home by the Commission.
- The Commission has set up a three-member committee to help the CID in its probe into the issue of child trafficking in the state. The WBCPCR has sought reports on nursing homes dealing with child birth from the concerned District Magistrates.
- The Commission visited “Purbasha” -a home in Thakurpukur (South 24 Parganas) for persons with psychological problem. The CID rescued 10 baby girls aged between 6-10 months from the top floor of this home. The ESI hospital was also visited and these 10 girls were admitted in ICU and treated over there.
- The Commission physically inspected Baduria Nursing Home and Machhlandapur in North 24 Paraganas where babies were buried.
- As a joint initiative of the Department of Child Development, Women Development & Social Welfare and the West Bengal State Commission for Protection of Child Rights a two member team was sent by the Commission for physical inspection of a case of violation of Child Rights on 29.11.16 in Hooghly. A report with recommendations was submitted.
- The Commission also visited 5 Homes in Coochbehar and submitted the report.
- The Commission made surprise visits at Liluah Home and submitted its report with recommendations to the Department.
- The Commission also physically inspected 10 primary schools in Malda and submitted a report with recommendations.



- In an advertisement, for an eminent jewellery house, two children were shown to be the centre of a marriage ritual, where they were being massaged in turmeric paste, which at a glance looked like a promotion of child marriage. No sooner than WBCPCR had received a complaint it sent a legal notice to the jewellery house. The strong and determined position of WBCPCR compelled the jewellery house to change the picture and the statement of the promotional advertisement.
- WBCPCR has started acquiring resources from CSR. It is gradually seeing the light of success. A number of corporate houses have already started providing support to the Commission to make the various child protection programmes a success.
- WBCPCR believes if children are not made aware of gender sensitivity and the same be not incorporated in the syllabus it would never be possible to prevent child abuse. A meeting has already been conducted between WB Syllabus Committee and WBCPCR, where the latter requested for inclusion of gender sensitivity, transgender and adoption issues in the school syllabus.
- WBCPCR keeps an eye out on any report related to child protection in the news. WBCPCR has already picked a few news items which, it thinks, have shown negligence in abiding by the CPC rules. The same has been stated in an official letter to the chief editor of these newspapers. The Commission feels the news reporting agencies should be much more sensitive and responsible in publishing news like these.
- The Commission has distributed televisions, radios and equipment of sports to several shelter homes for children.
- The Commission has prepared the annual calendar and the diary with pictures drawn by the children of shelter homes
- The famous transgender footballer 'Bony' has been appointed by the Commission as a 'Coach' for the children of homes
- The Commission is going to announce "Shishushree" award for sensitive, responsible and responsive media reporting on children.
- Hullor, the children's magazine of the WBCPCR was released on 20 March, 2017 by Dr. Sashi Panja, Minister of State Woman & Child Development and Social Welfare (Independent Charge) and Health and Family Welfare. "Hullor" is a quarterly magazine of and for the children.
- A jingle was prepared for children and it was played in Fever FM and Big FM.
- 4 spots have been prepared on the issues of child marriage, child trafficking, child labour and RTE. It will be telecast soon.



WBCPCR's innovative initiative for livelihood skill development of residents of SMM Home, Liluah, Howrah

An innovative initiative by WBCPCR was to get hold of the eminent fashion designer from Dhaka, Bangladesh, Ms. Bibi Russell.

Ms. Russell has graduated from London College of Fashion and had worked for various organizations and contributed towards the social development cause of the state.

The entrepreneur owns her fashion house "Bibi Productions', Fashion for Development" and had employed thousands of weavers from the rural areas.

She had also worked with acid attack survivors and HIV/Aids patients for their livelihood and had been awarded 'Designer for Development' and 'Artist for Peace' honours by UNESCO as well as 'United Nations Associations of Spain' for such noble initiatives.

During her visit to India, she made up her mind to contribute to WBCPCR in every possible way. When WBCPCR approached her for a visit to the Liluah home loom and requested her to help in the process of revamping the same, she graciously agreed to it stating, it was a part of her social commitment.

This initiative has been taken to create life support skills for the residents and to revamp the defunct looms at Liluah home.

WBCPCR had made many visit to the home and reported and recommended to the Department of Women & Child and Social Welfare on the measures to be taken for its proper functioning. Weavers from Phulia, district Nadia were also brought to make the existing 11 looms functional. As the next step to this Ms. Bibi Russell was contacted to give shape to this initiative.

The six month long training project would be conducted in batches at the Liluah home with four looms and six sewing machines that are presently functional.

A variety of textile, sari, cloth line, and accessories as well as a range of recycled products would be manufactured and displayed.



**Bibi Russel with residents
of Liluah Home**



Recommendations of WBCPCR -2016-17

1. The commission recommends to give such powers to implement its recommendations.
2. Strengthening of commission's reach, Staff pattern of the Commission, post of advisors, directors, accounts officer etc need to be created. An officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary/Additional Director of the administrative department/ directorate may be deputed in the commission.
3. The victim compensation procedure may be suitably amended so as to allow the commission to pay interim compensation directly and immediately.
4. Private schools may be asked to implement the free admission of 25% learners from economically or otherwise backward classes directly and concerned DIs may approve the list after proper scrutiny.
5. Delay in formation of CWCs hampers the interest of CNCPs, also noted that provisions of Act/rules have not been adhered to in many cases. The WBCPCR expressed its strong reservations for failure of concerned departments in the government of WB. DCPUs may be given full authority to constitute CWCs in time and in a transparent way. WBCPCR may also be consulted in this regard and in every selection committee there should be one representative of the commission.
6. It is practically impossible to impart training on Child rights to all caregivers, schools, hospitals etc. The state government may consider establishing a Child Rights Training Institution where students may undertake a Certificate course/Diploma course/Degree course/P.G Diploma course etc and this institute may provide research activities.
7. It is observed that children are the worst sufferers of domestic violence. WBCPCR recommends that the related act may be suitably amended to protect children.
8. The Commission realises the need and recommends a rigorous training on issues related to child protection and rehabilitation for members of Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
9. Primary school teachers to undergo sensitization training on children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law
10. The Commission has felt the need and thus planned for sensitization programme on child marriage, POCSO and Right to Education (RTE) for the officials of Panchayati Raj Institutions at grass root levels.
11. The Commission has recommended to develop a schedule in all child care institutions for their recreation and entertainment, such as a short trip (once in a month) and film shows (once in a week)
12. The WBCPCR recommends introduction of exclusive child rights awareness institutions in West Bengal considering the growing incidences of unrest among and with the children in the society
13. The Commission recommends that individual child care plan be followed in child care institutions based on which proper training should be imparted.
14. The Commission would like to initiate as well as recommend proactive steps towards mainstreaming of transgender and third gender children (up to 18 years) .

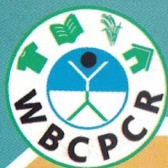


Functions and Powers of WBCPCR

13. (1) The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:—
- (a) examine and review the safeguards provided by or under any law for the time being in force for the protection of child rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
 - (b) present to the Central Government, annually and at such other intervals, as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards;
 - (c) inquire into violation of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such causes;
 - (d) examine all factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of children affected by terrorism, communal violence, riots, natural disaster, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, trafficking, maltreatment, torture and exploitation, pornography and prostitution and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
 - (e) look into the matters relating to children in need of special care and protection including children in distress, marginalized and disadvantaged children, children in conflict with law, juveniles, children without family and children of prisoners and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
 - (f) study treaties and other international instruments and undertake periodical review of existing policies, programmes and other activities on child rights and make recommendation for their effective implementation in the best interest of children;
 - (g) undertake and promote research in the field of child rights;
 - (h) spread child rights literacy among various sections of the society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for protection of these rights through publications, print & electronic media, seminars and other available means;
 - (i) inspect or cause to be inspected any juvenile custodial home, or any other place of residence or institution meant for children, under the control of the Central Government or any State Government or any other authority, including any institution run by a social organisation; where children are detained or lodged for the purpose of treatment, reformation or protection and take up with these authorities for remedial action, if found necessary;
 - (j) inquire into complaints and take suo motu notice of matters relating to,—
 - i) deprivation and violation of child rights;
 - ii) non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children;



- iii) non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships to and ensuring welfare of the children and to provide relief to such children, or take up the issues arising out of such matters with appropriate authorities; and
 - (k) such other functions as it may consider necessary for the promotion of child rights and any other matter incidental to the above functions.
 - (2) The Commission shall not inquire into any matter which is pending before a State Commission or any other Commission duly constituted under any law for the time being in force.
14. (1) The Commission shall, while inquiring into any matter referred to in clause (j) of sub-section (1) of section 13 have all the powers of a civil court trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and, in particular, in respect of the following matters, namely:—
- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
 - (b) discovery and production of any document;
 - (c) receiving evidence on affidavits;
 - (d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office; and
 - (e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.
- (2) The Commission shall have the power to forward any case to a Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the same and the Magistrate to whom any such case is forwarded shall proceed to hear the complaint against the accused as if the case has been forwarded to him under section 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
15. The Commission may take any of the following steps upon the completion of an inquiry held under this Act, namely:—
- (i) where the inquiry discloses, the Commission of violation of child rights of a serious nature or contravention of provisions of any law for the time being in force, it may recommend to the concerned Government or authority the initiation of proceedings for prosecution or such other action as the Commission may deem fit against the concerned person or persons;
 - (ii) approach the Supreme Court or the High Court concerned for such directions, orders or writs as that Court may deem necessary;
 - (iii) recommend to the concerned Government or authority for the grant of such interim relief to the victim or the members of his family as the Commission may consider necessary.



West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights

**SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights has been formed to meet the objectives stated under the Commission for Protection of Child Right Act 2005 at the state level. It is formed as an autonomous entity under the Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare Department Government of West Bengal having separate set of books of accounts and bank accounts.

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 - i) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention following cash basis of accounting.
2. FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION
 - (i) Fixed assets are stated net of Depreciation, Any addition during the year comprises purchase price inclusive of duties, taxes, and incidental expenses if any, as applicable.
3. REVENUE RECOGNITION.

Revenue is recognized as and when received. Grants are recognized in the accounts only when the grant is received by the Commission, During the year 2016-2017 Govt Grant received and credited to the bank for an amount of Rs 140.42 Lacs. The balance allotment of Rs 50.01 Lacs (Credited in the Bank on 03.04.2017) has been considered as accrued income and has been given effect to the accounts accordingly.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- a) Since there was nil cash in hand on 08.11,2016 no specified bank note deposited in Bank Account (during the period 08.11.2016 to 30.12.2016)
- b) Depreciation/has been provided on Furniture, AC Machine @ 15% & on Computer @20%.

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Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No. 308153E

Sujit Chakravorti
Partner
Membership No. 015161

Date : 15.05.2017
Place : Kolkata



AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights, an autonomous entity under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, as at 31st March, 2017, income and expenditure account and the receipts and payments account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statements based on audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presented. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further report that:

- a. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- b. In our opinion the Commission has kept proper books of accounts so far as appears from our examination of such books.
- c. The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account & Receipts and Payment Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Balance Sheet and the Income & Expenditure give a true and fair view:(On cash basis of accounting consistently followed except as stated hereunder marked by double asterisk.)

1. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the State of affairs of the Commission as at 31st March, 2017.
2. In so far as it relates to the Income and Expenditure Account of the surplus for the year ended on that date.



3. During the financial year 2016-2017(April 2016-to March 2017) following results have emerged on verification of the Annual Accounts by us for the same period.

Budgeted expenditures, Amt. Sanctioned by Govt. of W.B., Amt. Received and Expenditure as per Receipt and Payment Account.

April 2016-March 2017
Amount in Rs/Lakhs

Expenditure Budget Placed for Approval to Govt. of W.B.	Amount sanctioned by Govt. of W.B.	Amount received by Commission	Amount of Expenditure during 2016-2017
277.6	200.00	190.43**	111.92

** Amount Including Rs 50.01 lakhs taken on Accrual basis.

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Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2017 of WBCPCR

Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Asseets	Amount	Amount
Capital fund	9951001.73		Furniture (net of depreciation)	751253.40	
			Add:- Additions during the year	241982.00	
			Less:- Depreciation for the year	148985.00	844250.40
Surplus - transfer from I&E Account	14251270.42	24202272.15	AC mchine (net of depreciation)	501534.00	
			Less:- Depreciation for the year	75230.00	426304.00
			Computer (net of depreciation)	151732.80	
			Add:- Additions during the year	440264.00	
			Less:- Depreciation for the year	118400.00	473596.80
			Cash at Corporation Bank (Savings Balance)		15757.95
			Fixed depoist with Corporation Bank		17441363
			Accured income from Govt of West Bengal allotment		50,01,000.00
		<u>24202272.15</u>			<u>24202272.15</u>

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Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31.03.2017 of WBCPCR

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Rent & Service tax	3679309.00	Security deposit refund from EZCC	22000.00
Electricity & water tax	267034.00	Child Protection Day	740000.00
Car hiring of Secretary & CP	569427.00	Govt. Allotment receipts	14042000.00
		Govt. Allotment accrued	5001000.00
		Receipts from Pollution Control Board for Child Protection day	85000.00
Office telephone expenses	31965.00	Receipts from VSS for Child Rights Day	25000.00
Honorarium CP & Members	898010.00	Receipts from Sarva Siksha Mission	4124000.00
Office expenses and other charges	1202815.00	Receipts from NCPCR for Child Rights Day	80000.00
Wages of contractual Group D staff	274217.00	Receipt from NCPCR for POCSO Workshop	192400.00
Meeting and seminar expenses	744987.00	Interest	791790.42
Car allowances of members and CP	214700.00	Profssional Tax	400.00
Reimbursement of telephone of CP and Members	45512.00		
IEC Printing materials	198765.00		
Child Right Day & Child Protection Day	393866.00		
Consultant fees	531705.00		
Sarva Siksha Mission	1457393.00		
Depreciation on furniture	148985.00		
Depreciation on Ac Machine	75230.00		
Depreciation on computer	118400.00		
Surplus transfer to the capitl account	14251270.42		
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Receipts & Payments Account for WBCPCR for the Year Ended 31.03.2017

Receipts	Amount	Amount	Payments	Amount	Amount
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2016			Furniture		2,41,982.00
FD	85,35,801.29		Rent & Service Tax		36,79,309.00
SB	<u>10,680.24</u>	85,46,481.53	Electricity & Water Tax		2,67,034.00
Security Deposit refund from EZCC		22,000.00	Car Hiring of Secretary & CP		5,69,427.00
Child Protection Day		7,40,000.00	Office Telephone charges		31,965.00
Govt of West Bengal Allotment Receipts		1,40,42,000.00	Honorarium CP & Members		8,98,010.00
Received from Pollution Control Board for Child Protection Day		85,000.00	Computers		4,02,534.00
Received from VSS for Child Rights Day		25,000.00	Office Expenses & Other charges		12,02,815.00
Received from Sarba Siksha Mission		41,24,000.00	Laptop		37,730.00
Received from NCPCR for Child Rights Day		80,000.00	Wages Contractual of Grup D Staff		2,74,217.00
Received from NCPCR for POCSO Workshop		1,92,400.00	Meeting, Seminar & Home Visit		7,44,987.00
Interest		7,91,790.42	Car Allowances of Members & CP		2,14,700.00
Profession Tax		400.00	Tel.bill reimbursement of CP & Members		45,512.00
1,74,57,120.95			Child Rights Day & Child Protection Day		3,93,866.00
			Consultant Fees		5,31,705.00
			Sarba Sikha Mission		14,57,393.00
			Closing Balalnces as on 31.03.2017		
			FD	1,74,41,363.00	
			SB	<u>15,757.95</u>	
					<u>1,74,57,120.95</u>
		<u>2,86,49,071.95</u>			<u>2,86,49,071.95</u>

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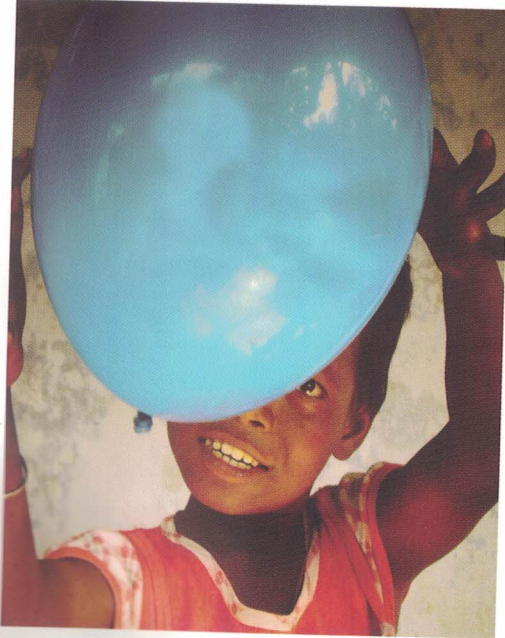
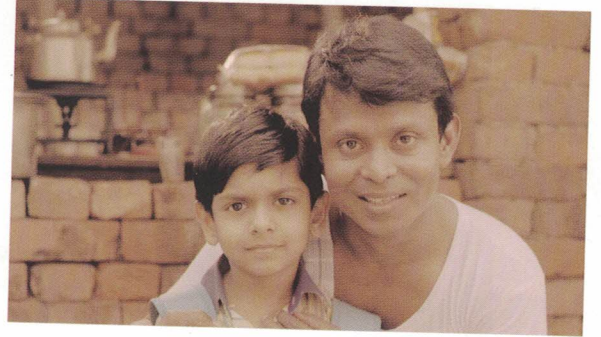
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“ধরায় উঠেছে ফুটি স্বপ্ন প্রাণগুলি, নন্দনের এনেছে সংবাদ, ইহাদের করো আশীর্বাদ”



শিশু সুরক্ষা দিবস

৯ জুন, ২০১৭ | রবীন্দ্রসদন, কলকাতা

News Clippings

শিশুদেরও হক আছে, বোঝাতে গ্রামে ঘুরবে কমিশন

নিজস্ব প্রতিদিনী, কলকাতা: শিশুদের অধিকার রক্ষা এবং তার নামে কিং মিয়া এয়ার গ্রামে শিবির করতে রাজ্যের শিশু অধিকার রক্ষা কমিশন। জুন থেকেই এই কর্মসূচি শুরু হয়ে যাবে কমিশন সূত্রে জানা হয়েছে। একটি বেসরকারি স্বেচ্ছাসেবী সংস্থার সঙ্গে যৌথ উদ্যোগে কাজ করা হবে বলে টিক হয়েছে। কমিশনের চেয়ারপার্সন অনন্যা চক্রবর্তী বলেন, পঞ্চাশের ধরে ধরে একেবারে কর্মসূচি গ্রহণের পরিকল্পনা নেওয়া হয়েছে। যাত্রা শিশুদের অধিকার রক্ষার বিষয়টি সব অঙ্গের মানুষ জানতে পারে, তার জন্যই এই উদ্যোগ।

একেকটি জেলায় একেক রকম সমস্যা রয়েছে। সেজন্য কোথাও শিশুপচার মাধ্যমটা দিয়েছে, সে কোথাও আবার বাস্তবিকভাবে। এই সব সামাজিক ব্যাপিকে নির্দিষ্ট করতঃ বাস্তবায়িত করে রাজ্যের শিশু অধিকার রক্ষা কমিশন। এক কর্তব্য কবায়, মুর্শিবাবাদে শিশু পচারের সমস্যা হলো। নীচায় আবার সালসিপালয়ের হার নামে অভিযোগ। কোন হুজুং এসব, এ নিয়ে সেখানকার মনুষ্যের অধিকার রক্ষা করা। তাই অঞ্চলে গ্রামীণ এলাকায় এক প্রকার গ্রামাঞ্চলে সচেতনতা শিবির করার কথা চিন্তা করেছে। কমিশনের মূল উদ্দেশ্য হল, বাস্তব বা শিশুরা তাদের জানে কি না, তা দেখা। যে কোনও শিশুর অধিকার লঙ্ঘন হয়েছে, পলকপলক করতে সিগন্যাল হয় না কমিশন। সেসকলেই বাস্তবায়িত হতে পারে, তার জন্য এই বিশেষ সচেতনতা শিবিরের আয়োজন করা হচ্ছে বলে জানান কমিশনের কর্তারা। এই কর্মসূচিতে কী কী থাকবে? অনন্যসেবীর বধ্যার, শিশুর অধিকার

কী, এটি লক্ষন করলে কী হবে, কী শাস্তির সুশাসিত রয়েছে, তাই সাধারণ মানুষের কাছে তুলে ধরা হবে। শুধু তাই নয়, পরসো (গ্রেডেটেশন) এর ডিগ্রিয়েন এসেই সেগুলো অংশে। নিজেও নানা অর্থ প্রদান করা হবে। কেন? তাদের তুলে ধরতে হবে। শিশুর অধিকার কী কী হতে পারে, সে সম্পর্কেও অর্জন করা হবে। কমিশন সূত্রে খবর, ভারত-শর্টটি করে জেলা হয়ে ধরে এই শিবির করা হবে। প্রতিটি পঞ্চাশের অধিনে ঘুরে যাবে হয়েছে, তাদের নিয়ে একদিন করে এই কর্মসূচি রাখা হবে।

গ্রামবাসীদের সেনা এই শিবিরে আসার জন্য বলা হবে, তেমনই থাকবে শিবির। আর অংশই জেলা প্রশাসনের কর্তব্য থাকবে। তবে কোম্পানির অধিনে কমিশনের পক্ষ থেকে এই কাজ করা সম্ভব হবে না। তাই রিসোর্স পার্সন হিসাবে সার্বিক স্বেচ্ছাসেবী সংস্থার সদস্যরাই তা করবে। কিন্তু প্রতিটি জেলায় একজন করে কমিশনের সদস্য থাকবে। কাজ কেন্দ্র হলে, সে ব্যাপারে জেলা প্রশাসনের পক্ষ থেকেও নির্দিষ্ট বিসয়টি কমিশনের কাছে পঠানো হবে। পঞ্চাশের ধরে ধরে এই কাজ করা হলেও, চেয়ারপার্সন জানিয়ে দিয়েছেন, এর সঙ্গে লগ্নাতই নির্ধারিত কোনও সন্দর্ভ নেই। যেটাটা কলকাতায় হয়ে গিয়েছে। তবে পঞ্চাশের ধরে ধরে এমন কর্মসূচি নেওয়া হচ্ছে। কমিশন একটাই অনন্যসেবীর সঙ্গে, অনেক গ্রাম বা এলাকা রয়েছে, সেখানে জরুরী হলে যা যা স্বেচ্ছাসেবীর মানুষ এত কিছু জানেন না। কিন্তু হার থেকেই যাত্রা এই সচেতনতা শিবিরের কাজ করা যায়, তাহলে সমস্যার এই সব ব্যক্তি মোকাবেলা করা সম্ভব হবে।

শিশুদের নতুন পত্রিকা 'হুল্লোড়' প্রকাশিত



নিজস্ব প্রতিদিনী, কলকাতা: শিশুদের মতপ্রকাশের জন্য এবার একটি ম্যাগাজিন প্রকাশ করল রাজ্য শিশু অধিকার রক্ষা কমিশন। এই ম্যাগাজিনের নাম 'হুল্লোড়'। সোমবার কমিশনের অফিস বিকিয়ে নারী, শিশু ও সমাজকল্যাণ দপ্তরের মন্ত্রী শশী পাণ্ডার হাত দিয়ে এই পত্রিকার আনুষ্ঠানিক প্রকাশ হয়। অনুষ্ঠানে মন্ত্রী ছাড়াও উপস্থিত ছিলেন কমিশনের চেয়ারপার্সন অনন্যা চক্রবর্তী, সদস্য সৌমিত্র রায়, অনিতা বসু প্রমুখ। কমিশনের দাবি, একে ম্যাগাজিন এর আসে কবনও প্রকাশিত হইনি। কেন এই পত্রিকা প্রকাশিত হল? চেয়ারপার্সন বলেন, অনেক ক্ষেত্রে দেখা যায়, শিশুদের খব প্রকাশ করার জায়গা নেই। তাদের অনেক না বলা কথা থাকে। তাদের জন্যই এই পত্রিকা। তাতে ছবি, কবিতা, গল্প, চিত্র ইত্যাদি থাকবে। যে কেউ এখানে লেখা দিতে পারবে। তিন মাস অন্তর প্রকাশিত হবে এই ম্যাগাজিন। পত্রিকার প্রথম সংখ্যা শব্দ যোগের কবিতা, অভিনেতা মিত্র সেনগুপ্তের সাফল্যকর এবং বিভিন্ন শ্রেণির পড়ুয়ারের লেখা, ছবি ইত্যাদি রয়েছে।

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা

নিজের দেশের অন্য কিছু করতে সুপারমডেল বেরিয়েছেন ইতি টেনেছিলেন তিনি। স্থানীয় ভাগে খারি এবং গাম্ভীরা ভাগ্যক্রমে লাভ করেছে তার হাত ধরেই। এবার এ রাজ্যের সরকার থেকে টাকা মেসের সেই ম্যাগাজিন-কিতা দিতে চায় বাস্তবায়নের নিয়ন্ত্রণ হস্তান্তর বিবি রাইস।

হোমের মেয়েদের ফ্যাশনে হাতেখড়ি দেবেন ঢাকার বিবি

অন্যেকের মত মত প্রোগ্রামে বিবি। সবে ছিলেন টিপিডিআরের চেয়ারপার্সন অনন্যা চক্রবর্তী। এই মেয়ে থাকা তাঁর উন্নত করা, বসন সাজিয়ে ডিজাইন-সহ বিভিন্ন বিবে মে মে কর্তৃপক্ষকে পরামর্শ দিয়েছেন বিবি। হোমের মেয়েদের সঙ্গে কথা হয়েছে। তবে তিনি 'একোলাক' বলেন, "মেয়েদের কবিতা তবুই কাগ, কাটতে চরকা, বেশির অধিকা হাতেই কাগ দেখা। অনেক জীবনী আরও সুরের করে তোলাই মত।"

মেয়েদের হাতে তৈরি সামগ্রী পাওয়া যাবে বিশ্ববাজারে বিপণিতেও

তৈরি করতে দেখাচ্ছে। বাস্তবায়নের আনুষ্ঠানিক প্রোগ্রামে মিত্র সেনগুপ্তের সঙ্গেও পরামর্শ দিয়েছেন বিবি। তিনি জানিয়েছেন, মেয়েদের হাতে তৈরি সামগ্রীকে তবুই সঠিকভাবে তবুই বিক্রয় করা যাবে। সবারই হাতে তৈরি সামগ্রীকে বিক্রয় করা যাবে। সবারই হাতে তৈরি সামগ্রীকে বিক্রয় করা যাবে। সবারই হাতে তৈরি সামগ্রীকে বিক্রয় করা যাবে।



বিবিয়াবা, বৃহৎসংখ্যার বিবিদের হোমের বাস্তবায়নের ডিজাইনার বিবি রাইস।

শিশু পড়ুয়াদের শাস্তি রুখছে কমিশনের মমতা

পারিভ্রাজ্য বন্যোপাধায়
 মা মায়া মেয়ে। যত করার কেউ নেই। গুলি করে তুলে বকুনি খেতে হোয়া। এর দিন সেই মেয়ে শিকারি চেয়ারে মুঁড়াম লাগিয়ে দিল। মেয়ে গোল তুরকারায় কাও। অভিযোগ, মেয়ে খির তখনই তার বিকে ডাটাটর ছুড়ে মারলেন শিকারী। মাথায় খুব জ্বায়ে আঘাত লাগল তার।
 কিছু দিন পরে তার থেকেও বড় আঘাত হল তুলের কাছ থেকে। ২০১৬ সালের ১১ ডিসেম্বর বিচার পরে মেয়ে হোস্টেলের ট্রান্সফার সার্ভিসকে বা টিপি ধরিয়ে দেয় অজানা কোনও মেইন।
 তার রাজ্য শিশু অধিকার ও সুস্থতা কমিশন বা আয়োজনের হয়ছেন ১০ বছরের ছাত্রটিকে

শিরিয়ে নিয়েছে তার তুল। বাতানের মন নুকে তাদের সঙ্গে বাহ্যিক করলে তারা যে কতটা বললে বেতন পারে, তুল সেটাও অনুভব করতে শেয়েছে। মেয়েটি কাউন্সেলিংয়ের পরেই যথেষ্ট ভাল ফল করে নতুন স্কুলে উঠেছে। তার বাবা মিষ্টি নিয়ে কমিশনে গিয়ে জানিয়েছেন, মেয়ে অনেকটাই বললে গিয়েছে। "মনটাই আসল। তাকে মেলাতে গিলে, তুলতে গিলেই সেটা শান্ত হইল। নেতিবাচকতা কেটে গিয়ে। শিক্কর ও পড়ুয়ার মধ্যে গড়ে উঠবে অনাবিল সম্পর্ক," বলেন কমিশনের কাউন্সেলর সুরেন্দ্রনা সান্যাল।
 তুলে ফিরতে পারাটা অবশ্য খুব সহজ হয়নি ওই ছাত্রের। টানা পড়েন মনে লীর্ধ তিন মাস। ছাত্রছাত্রীদের মন বোঝা বা তাদের সঙ্গে মেশার ক্ষেত্রে শিক্কর-শিক্করদের তরফেও যে ক্রটি

থেকে যাচ্ছে, তুল তা মেনে নিচ্ছে। তুল-কর্তৃপক্ষ জানান, কমিশনের পরামর্শ কাউন্সেলিং হয়েছে তারও ৪০টি শিক্কর। শিক্কর-শিক্করদের কাউন্সেলিংও শুরু হচ্ছে শীঘ্রই।
 রাজ্য শিশু সুস্থতা কমিশনের চেয়ারপার্সন অনন্যা চক্রবর্তী জানান, তুলের শুল্ধা রক্ষার নামে কথায় কথায় বাস্তবায়ন টিপি ধরিয়ে দেওয়া হচ্ছে। কিন্তু কী ভাবে বুড়ে পড়ুয়াদের মন ও মতির পরিবর্তন ঘটিয়ে তাদের ভালটাকে বার করে আনা যায়, সেই চোঁা বিশেষ নেই।
 "অদর্শিত্বকে বেছেই। মেই কমেই। দুটু হোস্টেলমেয়েকে ভাল করার চ্যালেঞ্জ নিতে না-পারলে তুলের কুতিত কোথায়," প্রশ্ন কমিশন-প্রদানের।
 কয়েক মাস ধরে কলকাতা ও আসপাশের বেশ কিছু তুল পরিদর্শন



করছেন কমিশনের সদস্যরা। তাঁরা দেখেছেন, সাধারণ তুল কেও বড়ই অনেক নারী তুলেও প্রশিক্ষিত কাউন্সেলর নেই, সেগুলো একটুটর নেই। কমিশন তুলে গলে কোনও শিক্কর বা শিক্করকে কাউন্সেলর হিসেবে দেখিয়ে দেওয়া হচ্ছে।
 "শিক্কর-শিক্কররাও নানা কারণে প্রবল চাপে থাকেন। তাদের

'মেটিভেট' করা বা পড়ুয়াদের মনের ওজস্বার তাদের আর্থী করে হোলার মত আশা করা কোনও কর্মসূচি নেই। সহজ বাস্তব হিসেবে বাস্তব হাতে স্টান টিপি ধরিয়ে দেওয়া হচ্ছে। বলছেন কমিশনের কার্যনির্বাহী সচিব সুশীলা পাল আহমেদ।
 শিলিগুড়ি থেকে মুকেশ পোখার নামে এক অভিভাবক কমিশনে অভিযোগ জানিয়েছেন, তার ১০ বছরের ছেলের পড়ুয়ার নকল করতে গিয়ে ধরা পড়েছিল। তার হাতে টিপি ধরিয়ে দেওয়া হয়েছে। মেয়ে যে অন্যান্য করেছিল, তা বাঁকার করে নিয়েই মুকেশবাবুর প্রশ্ন, "ও এটা কবল কেন, কী ভাবে ওকে শোধরানো যায়, সেই দায়িত্ব কি তুলেরও দেওয়া উচিত নয়? সবটাই কি বাবা-মায়ের ঘাড়ে চাপিয়ে দেবে ওরা?"

