

# CiSS application

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**In news**– The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has recently launched a “CiSS application” under the Baal Swaraj portal to help in the rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations (CiSS).

**About the Baal Swaraj and CiSS application-**

- **Baal Swaraj is a portal launched by NCPCR** for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring mechanism of children in need of care and protection.
- **The portal has two functions- COVID care and CiSS.**
- **COVID Care link caters to the children who have lost either or both parents due to COVID-19** or otherwise post March 2020.
- **It follows a six stages framework for the rehabilitation of children.**
  - **The first stage is the collection of the child’s details**, which is accomplished through the portal.
  - **The second stage is Social Investigating Report (SIR)** i.e. investigating the child’s background. This is done under the supervision of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) by conversing and counselling the child.
  - **The third stage is formulating an Individual Care Plan (ICP)** for the child.
  - The **fourth stage** is the order of the **Child Welfare Committee (CWC)** based on the SIR submitted to the CWC.
  - The **fifth stage** is **allocating the schemes and benefits** that the beneficiary can avail of.
  - And in the **sixth stage**, a **checklist** is made for the evaluation of the progress i.e. (Follow Ups).

- **The Standard Operating Procedure for Care and Protection of Children in Street Situations 2.0** categorises any child under 'Children in Street Situation' if the child is living on the streets alone, living on the streets during the day, or living on the streets with the family.
- **The CiSS application is used for receiving data of children in street situations** from all the states and union territories, tracking their rescue and rehabilitation process.
- **The initiative is taken under the direction of the Supreme Court of India.**
- The program embodies **Article 51 (A)** of the Constitution of India, as it provides a platform to the public and organisations catering to the welfare of the children to report any child in need of assistance.
- **The platform serves to collect data and report to the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO)** for them to take necessary action.
- It also provides a platform for professionals and organisations to provide any help that they can to children in need.
- **Help can be provided in the form of open shelters, counselling services, medical services,** sponsorships, de-addiction services, education services, legal/paralegal services, volunteering, student volunteering, identification of hotspot, identification of CiSS, or any other assistance.
- The organisations and institutions that can utilize the platform are the NGOs, Civil Society Organisation, higher educational or technical institutions, Foundation, Society, or a Trust.