

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

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In news- The Union Minister of Women and Child Development has launched the new motto of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on its 17th foundation day recently.

Key updates-

- New motto of NCPCR is 'बुद्धिपूर्वक सुरक्षा भविष्यो रक्षति रक्षित' (***Bhavishyo Rakshati Rakshit***) which exhorts us to protect the future i.e. our children, for in their welfare lies the foundation of a strong Nation.
- The Union WCD Minister also complemented the **collaboration between NCPCR & Border Security Force for the special initiative called 'SAHARA'**.
- SAHARA is an initiative to provide psycho-social counselling & support to children of BSF jawans who made the supreme sacrifice.

About NCPCR-

- It is **a statutory body that was set up in March 2007 under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.**
- It comes under the **administrative control of the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.**
- It is to ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- **Under the NCPCR, the Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group.**

The commission consist of the following members namely:

- A **chairperson** who, is a person of eminence and has done an outstanding work for promoting the welfare of children; and
- **Six members, out of which at least two are woman**, from the following fields, is appointed by the Central Government from amongst person of eminence, ability, integrity, standing and experience in Education; Child health, care, welfare or child development; Juvenile justice or care of neglected or marginalized children or children with disabilities; Elimination of child labour or children in distress; Child psychology or sociology and Laws relating to children.

Functions of the Commission-

- **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.
- **Present to the central government, annually and at such other intervals**, as the commission may deem fit, reports upon working of those safeguards.
- **Inquire into violation of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such cases.**
- **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.**
- **Look into the matters relating to the children in need of special care and protection**, including children in distress, marginalized and disadvantaged children, children in conflict with law, juvenile children without family and children of prisoners and recommend

appropriate remedial measures.

- Study treaties and other international instruments and undertake periodical review of existing policies and make recommendations for their effective implementation.
- **Inspect or cause to be inspected any juvenile custodial home,** or any other place of residence or institution meant for children and where children are detained or lodged for the purpose of treatment, reformation or protection, take up with these authorities for remedial action.
- The Commission **shall not enquire 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.**