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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Women and Child Development Department is bringing out a publication 'A Compendium on the efforts for Empowering Children & Adolescents towards Ensuring Rights' on the occasion of its 9th Foundation Day celebrations during November 1-2, 2019.

An understanding of the basic issues of children and protection of their rights are basic essentials for growth of a fair and just society. The OSCPCR has been playing a significant role in protecting the rights of children and adolescents. Its active engagement with children's issues through awareness, sensitisation and corrective initiatives are encouraging. I hope the compendium will reflect on its activities in ensuring protection of child rights.

I wish the publication all success.

(NAVEEN PATNAIK)
MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in Collaboration with Department of Women & Child Development & Mission Shakti, UNICEF Odisha, Action & Save the Children is organising a two day National Level Convention on empowering children and adolescents for Ensuring rights on its 9th Foundation Day during 1st-2nd November, 2019 at KIIT, Bhubaneswar and a book titled “A Compendium on the Efforts for empowering Children & Adolescents towards Ensuring Rights” is being published to mark the occasion.

The dignity of the child should be accepted by everyone. The basic rights of the children which include rights to adequate food, shelter, clean water, formal education, primary health care, leisure and recreation and information about their rights must be ensured and protected. As children cannot always protect their rights and interests, they need help and protection from adults. I hope, the publication will be of immense help in addressing the issues of children and adolescents to protect their rights.

I convey my best wishes to all and wish the Foundation Day Celebration all success.

(Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo)
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I am glad to know that the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) in collaboration with the Department of Women & Child Development & Mission Shakti, UNICEF, Odisha, Action Aid & Save the Children is going to celebrate its 9th Foundation Day on 1st & 2nd November, 2019 at KIIT Convention Hall, Campus-6, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar and a magazine is being brought out on commemoration.

OSCPCR was set up in the year 2010 for protection of all children till 18 years age group with equal importance. Since its formation, OSCPCR is playing a pivotal role in the field of different sectors for strengthening and empowering of the children in our State which is really praise-worthy. Hopefully, the functionaries of the Commission will continue their sincere efforts in future for the all round development of the children.

I Wish the celebration of Foundation Day and publication of magazine a grand success.

(Samir Ranjan Dash)
MESSAGE

Children and adolescents are vital stakeholders of our social system. They deserve recognition, protection, care, opportunities and support as they are the future generation. The Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) plays an important role in ensuring their rights to survive, development, and participation. I am happy to know that the OSCPCR is going to celebrate its 9th Foundation Day, and on this occasion, is publishing a “Compendium on the Efforts for Empowering Children and Adolescents towards Ensuring Rights.” I am confident that this publication will definitely enlighten the personnel involved in child rights protection.

My best wishes for its success.

(Anu Garg)
Foreword

Empowering children and adolescents and strengthening the child protection system is the need of the hour and OSCPCR has been putting efforts for addressing this on priority as per its mandate. Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) is the key influential institution for monitoring and grievance redressal on the issues related to children and adolescents. The Odisha State Commission established on 1st of November 2010 under the Commission for Protection of Child rights Act, 2005.

It’s our pleasant privilege to present you a bulletin on the efforts of the OSCPCR taken up during the year 2018-19 towards strengthening the child protection mechanism. The overwhelming support of the Government institutions, Civil Society Organisation, Media, communities and as well as the children has been the source of inspiration in this journey. We would continue the efforts considering the learning and experiences

Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) in its entire endeavor has been putting children in the center and having close coordination with different institutions and agencies of the Government including the Civil Society Organisation to strengthening the child protection system. As part of the efforts for grounding of Child Rights, the Commission organised district level programme in Puri for orientation of PRI members on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. Besides, the Commission organised a series of programmes in eight districts viz: Puri, Nayagarh, Balangir, Kalahandi, Khorda, Mayurbhanj, Jagatsinghpur and Jajpur of Odisha to provide orientation on the on Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, and Amendment Act 2016 for elimination of child labour.

To strengthen the existing institutional mechanism, the Commission made visit to districts like Ganjam, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Khorda, Kendhamal and Boudh district of Odisha and provided necessary recommendations for further action.

The Commission being the part of the State Level Review Committee to review the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, the Odisha Rules 2009 & implementation of the state strategy on PCMA formed by the Department of W & CD & Mission Shakti contributed in amendment of the Odisha Rules, development of state strategy to prohibition of child marriage.

Also, the commission organised public hearing in Nuapada and Subarnapur districts of Odisha in collaboration with the district administration and heard 65 cases related to school closure, safety and security, malnourishment, denial of admissions, quality of food etc.

We sincerely thank all the co-travellers in our journey to ensure care and protection to children.

Sandhayabati Pradhan
Chairperson, OSCPCR
A Compendium of Activities of the Commission on Empowering Children & Adolescents for Ensuring Rights

ABOUT US

The Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) is a statutory body which was set up on 1st November, 2010 by the Government of Odisha by virtue of power given to it u/s 17 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act (CPCR Act), 2005 (Amended in 2006).

The Constitution of India, the National Policy for Children, 2013, the UNCRC and other international human rights conventions ratified by India provide the ethical, policy and legal foundation on which the Commissions for the Protection of Child Rights base their vision and act as a voice for the country’s children.

OSCPCR works in close coordination with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), State Line Departments and other State Commissions.

The modalities of the OSCPCR are enshrined in the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Rules, 2009 which was notified on 25th November, 2009.

The Commission’s objective is to protect, promote and defend Child Rights in the State. The Department of Women & Child Development, Government of Odisha is the Nodal Department for the Commission in Odisha.

The vision of the Commission is to protect, promote and defend child rights in the State in context of the United Nation Convention on the Right of Child (UNCRC).

Its mission is to ensure that the rights of all children irrespective of their gender, religion, caste, etc are protected.

Advancing the Rights of Children

OSCPCR with an aim to advance the rights of children in the state, has organised different programmes at the state as well as district level in collaboration with different Government departments and Civil Society Organisations. The programmes and activities conducted by the commission during the period 2018-19 are presented briefly in the following section.
State Level Convention on Combating Child Marriage

As part of its effort to ensure protection of the rights of children, OSCPCR in partnership with “Save the Children India” had organized a one-day state level convention on 29th August 2018, at IDCOL Auditorium in Bhubaneswar. 150 participants, including 45 child champions from Kandhamal, Nuapada and Ganjam joined this programme and took part in the discussion which was focused on the topic of “Combating child marriage in the state”. The Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) as child marriage prohibition officers (CMPO), from Kandhamal, Nuapada and Ganjam districts joined this meeting and contributed to the discussion by sharing their experiences regarding steps taken in their concerned blocks for prohibition of child marriage.

Dignitaries like, Dr. Prasanna Kumar Patasani, MP-Bhubaneswar, Shri. Prafulla Samal, Hon. Minister, Dept. of Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti, Govt. of Odisha attended the function as guests and inaugurated the programme conducted under the chairmanship of Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson OSCPCR. Six child champions shared their experiences pertaining to their efforts in stopping their own marriage. 25 Child Champions who said no child marriage were felicitated by the Honourable Minister, DWCD&Mission Shakti, Govt. of Odisha.

Sensitization of PRI Members on Prohibition of Child Marriage

Following the meeting held at state level on the issue of child marriage, Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSPCR) in partnership with National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) & Save the Children India organized a state level sensitization programme on 9th October, 2018 in Puri mobilising the representatives from Zilla Parishad under Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) to combat child marriage across the state. The sensitization meet has been a continuation of the state convention to combat child marriage, that took place in Bhubaneswar a month before.

As many as 50 participants including 20 PRI members form 15 districts of Odisha joined this meeting and got oriented on their roles and responsibilities in combating child marriage. The members of NCPCR, Ms. Rupa Kapoor joined this programme as key speaker and oriented the participants on their role and responsibilities on prohibition of child marriage. The participants were also sensitised on the PCMA and the PCMA Odisha rule and the role and responsibilities of the different authorities for effective implementation of the law.

Observance of National Nutrition Month at State Level

On 26th September 2019, OSCPCR organised a state level meeting for observance of National Nutrition Month in partnership with Save the Children with OSCPCR mobilising more than 300 participants including the members from Child Protection Society, Anganwadi Workers, mothers, ICDS supervisors, CDPOs, DSWO, and members from CSOs joined the state level observance of the national nutrition month.

Sri Samir Ranjan Das, Honourable Minister of State School & Mass Education GoO; Tusharakanti Behera, Honourable Minister, Electronics & Information Technology, Sports & Youth Services; Ms Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson, OSCPCR; Smt. Sulata Deo, Adviser, Department of Women & Child Development & Mission Shakti; Mr Prabodh Kumar Mishra, Demonstration Officer, Nutrition Board, Government of Odisha joined this programme as guests and contributed to the discussion.
The participants were sensitised on the different nutritional programmes and schemes implemented by the state Government like Mid-Day meal, SNP in Anganwadi Centre & Take-Home Ration that is meant for women and children. There was discussion on the role and responsibilities of the front-line workers and the other officials in ensuring nutritional support through the existing programmes.

To build public awareness on nutrition of women and children a signature campaign was organised on that day where more than 300 men and women put their signature and expressed their solidarity for the programme.

**State Level Observation of CRC Week**

OSCPCR, on the eve of International Children’s Day 2018 organised a four Kilometres long march in Bhubaneswar mobilising more than 300 children as part of the efforts to build “Child Friendly Odisha”. Shri Prafulla Samal, Hon’ble Minister, Women and Child Development & Mission Shakti, Govt. of Odisha, Ananta Naryan Jena, City Mayor- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Smt. Sandhyabati Pradhan Chairperson OSCPCR and Members, Mr. Prasanna Patasani, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Development Commissioner, Govt. of Odisha, Director, WCD, Govt. of Odisha, Ms. SnehalSujal Mohanty, Child Rights Artist joined this programme & participated in the march for building a child friendly state.

To build the value of courage and patriotism, SnehalSujal Mohanty who played the role of young Biju Pattnaik in the film “Sabas Biju” interacted with the children and shared about his experience of playing the role of young Biju Babu and about the life, value and message from the life of the then Biju Patnaik.

Also, a signature campaign was organised on this day where all the above invited dignitaries along with the participants and put their signature and witnessed their solidarity around the efforts of the OSCPCR for building a child friendly state.

The children were oriented about the measures in POCSO Act and encouraged to come forward and raise their voice against any form of abuse. Also, the children were intimated about the existing services for protection of the children and take help through dialling the help line number 100.

**International Day of the Girl Child**

As part of the efforts to amplify the voices of the girl child and encourage the children to stand together for their rights, the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) in partnership with Save the Children organized a one-day state level programme at Bhubaneswar on the eve of “International Day of the Girl Child”. More than 110 participants including key officials from various departments like Heath & FW, School & Mass Education, Women & Child Development & Mission Shakti of state Government, and members of Civil Society Organizations witnessed the programme and shared their solidarity in amplifying the voice of the girl child and oriented them on how to stand together for their rights. Along with this, more than 25 girl champions from various districts of Odisha attended the programme and shared their issues, concerns, and experience as girl child on this occasion.

Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Honorable Chairperson, OSCPCR; Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Odisha State Women Commission inaugurated the programme along with Ms. Shreemayee Mishra, Chairperson, OTDC; Smt Sulata Deo, Advisor W&CD & Mission Shakti; Shri Kumar Sultan Member secretary, Child Welfare Council & Ms. Ananya Pradhan, Girl champion, Odisha Kho-Kho.
Camp Court by OSCPCR in Nuapada:

A Public Hearing on the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education was organised by OSCPCR at Sadbhavana Conference Hall, Nuapada. ActionAid as knowledge partner extended necessary support in organising the programme and mobilising the cases from the field. As many as 30 cases (17 previously filed cases and 13 on spot filed cases) were heard by Commission on the day of Public Hearing. As many as 70 people from various departments of the Government as well as from the community joined this public hearing.

A three bench members including the Chairperson, OSCPCR, SandhyabatiPrdhan, Members of Commission-Sri Harihara Nayak and Divya Saswati from the Commission heard the cases. The above bench followed the detailed process to give judgement to the cases and made disposal. The Chairperson presided over the public hearing as the chair of the bench.

Mr Sandeep Chachra, Executive Director, ActionAid was invited to join this Public Hearing as Honourable Guest-cum-Observer.

Members of Commission-Sri Harihara Naik facilitated the process of camp court referring to the cases taken up by the Commission Suo Motu from media reports and the cases filed by complainant on the same day and earlier too. While dealing the cases in the public hearing he shared many success stories of other districts on how district administration can work effectively on addressing the issues of children.

Also, Divya Saswati, being the member of the bench joined in asking for response from the concerned authorities in different cases to facilitate the court in giving directions to the administration in ensuring rights to children.

Mr. Satyajit Sen, Registrar of OSCPCR joined the camp court and facilitated the process of haziras of the concerned respondents of the cases and ensured submission of the action take reports and other requisite documents by the respondents for further passing of judgement and orders to various departments of the district administration connected cases heard in the camp court.

Camp Court by OSCPCR in Subarnapaur

The Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) in collaboration with District Administration, Subarnapur organized a public hearing on violations against the Children’s Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, and other Child Rights, in Subarnapur district, Odisha on 6th August 2019. ActionAid as a knowledge partner supported in the entire process of public hearing.

In the public hearing, 9 old cases of child rights violation that were registered previously and 26 new cases received on spot were presented before a three-member Bench chaired by Chairperson, OSCPCR, Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan.

All cases heard by the bench consisted of Ms. Sanddhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson, Ms. DibbyaSaswati, Member, Mr. Harihar Naik, Member Supported by Mr. Satyajit Sen, Registrar & Mr. Jiten Mohanty, and Mr. Pratap Kumar Pattnaik.

The Bench heard complaints on issues relating to school closure, safety and security, malnourishment, denial of admissions, quality of food etc.
In addition, the DM and Collector Monisha Banerjee, IAS and Sri Debiprasad Dash, SP were present in the public hearing. More than 100 people from the district had participated along with Government Officials.

The programme was presided by Chairperson, OSCPCR and the camp court process was supported by the members of the Commission in the bench.

**Regional Consultation on Protection of Rights of Migrant Children, Balangir**

The Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) in collaboration with MiRC of Aide et Action organised a one-day regional level consultation involving line departments of 6 migration prone districts of Odisha at Balangir on 13th September. District level officials from W&CD, Labour, School & Mass education, Police department, representatives of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) & child line were participated in the consultation. The programme was inaugurated by Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson of OSCPCR & was presided by Mr. Arindam Dakua, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate of Balangir. Mr. Umichel Daniel, Director-Migration & Education, Aide et Action, South Asia presented an overview on the children and adolescent based on his experience on working both at source and destination and his research experiences. He unveiled the status of children migrating with families, left behind, enrolled at seasonal hostel and adolescents of migrant worker families. He also shared the sufferings of infants accompanying to parents at destination for 6 to 7 months.

The Member and Chairperson of OSCPCR reviewed the status of action taken by district administration to protect the migrant children and provided recommendations for the further action to be taken to address the issue effectively.

**Strengthening Knowledge Platform:**

Meeting of Knowledge Platform mobilising different CSOs of the State and facilitating dialogue and collective sharing of their ideas, experience, views and challenges around the efforts of prohibition of child marriage has been one of the regular and priority efforts of the OSCPCR. The Knowledge Platform that brought together the CSOs viz; ActionAid, UNICEF, OXFAM, Save the Children, and World Vision and created platform to reflect upon and share from the experience of working on the ground about the various ways of working and strategies to connect with different group of people, influential persons in the societies as well as Government departments in addressing the issues of child marriage effectively and empowering the children and adolescents. The platform has rightly identified that, developing leadership among the adolescents through orientation on their rights, organising them in a forum and supporting them for amplifying collective voice against many odds and the evils that prevent them from realising their rights are vital. Also, working together, consolidation of efforts and adopting convergent planning and implementation need to be grounded well both at civil society as well Government level us very much required the address the complex issues like child marriage that prevent children and adolescents from growing as equal citizen of the country. This platform added ample of learning for all the concerned organisation and Government agencies. Hence, the Commission would take it forward in the future course of action as best practice.

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Grounding of Child Rights:

OSCPCR organised meeting, consultation and orientation on the issues related to child rights through mobilising the people from the communities. This part of the document includes the efforts of the Commission towards grounding of child rights:

- OSCPCR organized a meeting on 10th October 2018 and made review of the efforts of officials from Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti, Health & Family Welfare, DCPU, DSWO, CDMO, Childline from the districts prone to the traditional way of healing of children's diseases through branding (Chenka).

- OSCPCR observed the 8th Foundation Day by organizing a two days National Convention on Protection of Child Rights at KIIT, Bhubaneswar during 1st -2nd November 2018. Chairpersons and members of OSCPCR from 15 states of the Country joined the programme and shared their experience, views, ideas and challenges related to childcare and protection. Honorable Minister of W&CD & Mission Shakti, along with DGP of the State inaugurated the programme. His Excellency Governor of Odisha joined the valedictory function as Chief Guest and addressed the participants. As a result of these efforts a declaration related to strengthening child protection system in the State was formulated. Unicef as the development partner of the OSCPCR had extended it's technical support in successfully organizing the 2 days programmes.

- The Commission organized a one day meeting on 19th November 2019 as part of efforts to celebrate the UNCRC Day in collaboration with Save the Children.

- A meeting was organized by OSCPCR in collaboration with Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti & NCPCR at State guest house on the issue of sexual assault of inmates of CCI of GNIDC at Belakiri, Dhenkanal on 13th December 2018. Officials from Department of W&CD, Health, Labour, SC&ST, SME and Police joined this meeting. The Chairperson along with two members of the Commission addressed the press on the above issues taken up by the Commission.

- OSCPCR undertook a hearing on a complaint case related to violation of RTE against ODM Public school Bhubaneswar. Due the intervention of the Commission, ODM School filed a petition and prayed for time to submit the compliance and thus the bench allowed time and subsequent order was issued by the Commission.


- On 1st March 2019, OSCPCR in collaboration with Department of Labour & ESI organized a

- On 7th June 2019, OSCPCR in collaboration with Department of Labour & ESI organized a District Level Consultation at Bhubaneswar, Khorda on IEC & orientation on Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, Amended 2016 for elimination of child labour.

- On 27th June 2019, OSCPCR in collaboration with Department of Labour & ESI organized a District Level Consultation at Jajpur on IEC & orientation on Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, Amended 2016 for elimination of child labour.

- On 26th June 2019, OSCPCR facilitated the youth champion who said no to child Marriage to meet the His Excellency Governor of Odisha and Honorable Minister W&CD, Govt. of Odisha and share her efforts towards addressing the issue of child marriage.

- OSCPCR initiated a process to make the Car Festiva-2019 as child friendly that started from 4th to 12th July. The Commission engaged with District Administration, DIPRO, CWC, CCI (Open Shelter), DCPU and Child line to create child friendly environment through dissemination of IEC on Child Rights and protection, deployment of volunteers, installation of hoardings, distribution of leaflets, showing short films in Pallishree Mela, organizing small theme based programmes on child rights and installation of child friendly stall in the Mela. The programme was inaugurated by Honorable Panchayatraj Minster, Govt of Odisha.

- On 26th July 2019, the Commission organized a one-day consultation on Juvenile Justice and CLPR Act and Role of LEA (SJPU/LPO/PP) in collaboration with BBA as part of the efforts for grounding of child rights.

**Strengthening Institutional Mechanism through Field Visits:**

Over the period, the Chairperson along with the members of the OSCPCR made visit to the childcare institutions including schools, CCIs in different districts of Odisha as part of the process to ensure smooth functioning of the institutions towards strengthening child protection system. For all the visits, the Commission prepared formal report as per the findings and provided recommendation to the concerned institutions for taking up further action. A list of the visits made by the Commission are depicted below:

- The Commission made a two days field visit to Ganjam. The first visit was made to observation home and special home for boys at Berhampur, Ganjam. And, on the second day i.e. on 21st February the Commission visited Utkal Balashram, Berhampur Sakha and Open Shelter, Berhampur, Ganjam.

- Two members of the Commission Mr. Harihara Naik and Ms. Mandakini Kar visited four Child Care Institutions of Dhenkanal on 21st August 2018.

- Mr Harihara Naik, Members of Commission visited Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Residential Hostels and KGBV in Ganjam and Gajapati districts on 23rd & 24th August 2018 respectively.

- Mr Harihara Naik, Members of Commission made filed visited to Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Residential Hostels and KGBV in Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar from 28th to 31st August 2018 respectively.
• The Chairperson of the Commission Ms. S Pradhan along with the members Mr. Harihar Naik & Ms. D. Saswati visited Narayana Public School in Bhubaneswar on 9th October 2018 taking suo moto cognizance of a case of child sexual assault published in the daily newspaper.

• The Commission made visit to GNIDC, Beltikiri and MDMS a CCI in Dhenkanal along with the member of NCPCR Mr. Jaswant Jain and Consultant, Minu Meheta on 13th August 2018.

• The Odisha State Child Protection Society (OSCP) constituted an inspection team including the Director, Social Welfare, Mr. ReghuG; Special Secretary, Department of Health & Family welfare, Mr. B.K. Brahma; Chairperson, CWC, Khorda Mr. N K Tripathy; Programme Officer, SARA, Ms. Sujata Mohanty; DCPO, Khorda, Ms. Banishree Pattnaik; DCPO, Cuttack, Ms. Pragati Mohanty. Mr Harihar Naik being the member of the State Inspection Committee under Juvenile Justice Act 2015 visited the CCIs Adruta Children Home for girls, and Swami Bichitrananda Kalyan Ashram in Khorda and Cuttack respectively on 2nd January 2019.

• The Commission facilitated the visit of the DCPU of Jammu & Kashmir to OSCPCR on 24th May 2018.

• The Chairperson along with two members of the Commission visited Dhenkanal district on 4th December 2018 and made discussion with District Collector-cum-Magistrate and Superintendent of Police in presence of DCPO about the sexual assault case of inmates in GNIDC and further to this necessary action was taken by the district administration.

• The Chairperson of the Commission visited Kandhamal and Boudh districts during 5th to 8th April 2019.

• The Chairperson and Secretary visited Kandhamal and attended the programme on Child Marriage organized by Save the Children on 10th August 2018.

Learning & Sharing through Connecting Institutions of out of the State

• The Members of the Commission Mr H Naik participated in the National Conclave on Psychological Trauma, Child Protection and Illness organized by NCPCR & AIIMS on 27&28th March 2018 at AIIMA, New Delhi.

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• Workshop on Safety and Security of children organized by NCPCR in collaboration with SCPCRs at New Delhi.

• The Chairperson along with the members of the Commission attended the Foundation Day Programme of Gujarat State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) held on 27th & 28th September 2018 at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.

• The Chairperson of the Commission took part in the meeting of the Juvenile Justice Committee of Supreme Court held on 1st December 2018 at Delhi.
• All the members of the Commission along with Chairperson attended the workshop on Child Protection organized by NCPCR on 2nd December 2018 at New Delhi.

• The Members of the Commission Mr H Naik participated in the National Workshop on POCSO Act 2012 organized by Maharashtra Women Commission on 10th December 2018 at Aurangabad, Maharastra.

• The Members of the Commission Mr H Naik participated in the National Consultation on Life World & Agency of Children on contact with Railways organized on 12th January 2019 and release of the study & research report.

• The Chairperson of the Commission attended the State Level Consultation on Stock Taking of Implementation of RtE 2009 in the State organized by Sikshya Sandhan on 18th January 2019 at Bhubaneswar.

• Safe School Campaign organized by CCWD with the support from ActionAid on the eve of National Girl Child Day i.e. 24th January 2019 at Bhubaneswar.

• The Chairperson of the Commission joined the meeting on juvenile justice & POCSO organized by Juvenile Justice Committee on 28th January 2019.

• State Level Consultation on Standard Care in CCIs and Developing Guideline on Standard Care under Juvenile Justice Act organized by YCDA on 29th January 2019 at Bhubaneswar.

Building Synergy through Attending Programmes within the State:

The Chairperson along with the members of the Commission participated in different programmes organised by Government departments and CSOs and contributed to the discussion around the issues related care and protection of children held at different level. The process of engagement of the Commission with different CSOs and Government institutions helped in grounding of the efforts around strengthening child protection system in the State.

• National Consultation on Child Marriage organized by ActionAid on 14th March 2018 at Bhubaneswar.


• State Level Consultation on State Policy for Children 2017 (draft) organised on 17th March at Bhubaneswar.

• Children’s Assembly organized by PECUC on 8th June 2018 at Bhubaneswar.

• Observance of World Day Against Child Labour organized by Department of Labour & ESI on 12th June 2018.

• Programme on nutrition status in 8 KBK Districts of Odisha & sharing of experiences from Social Audit and Role of Panchayat Raj Institution in ensuring food and nutrition security organized by SPREAD and CAN on 21st July 2018.
• Meeting on the issue of Child Marriage organized by Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti involving the stake holders to discussion on the follow up action on 9th August 2018.

• Interface with Media on different forms of alternative care jointly organized by UNICEF and YCDA on 24th September 2018.

• Workshop on Disability Certification of Beneficiaries organized by State Commission for Disability on 30th October 2018.

• State level meeting on the issue of child Marriage organized by ActionAid on 17th November 2018 at Bhubaneswar.

• NANO International film Festival on Child Rights organized by Child Line (RUSCH) with the support of OSCPCR from 13th to 15th December 2018 at Puri.

• Consultation on Migration and Human Trafficking in Odisha organized by Aid et Action on 18th December 2018 at Bhubaneswar.

• Meeting with Minister, W&CD & Mission Shakti on 20th December 2018 for sharing the findings of the joint visit made by the OSCPCR & NCPCR to GNIDC, Beltikiri, Dhenkanal and different CCIs and residential hostels from 12th to 18th December 2018.

• Workshop on Adolescents Health organized by VHAI on 21st December 2018 at Bhubaneswar.


• Observance of International Women’s Day by Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti on 8th March 2018 at Bhubaneswar.

• After Care Programme for Care Learners and their Association who left Institutional Care after the age of 18 years supported by UNICEF.

• Kalika programme with the parents and children of eight Brick Kilns organized by Aid-et-Action at Khorda with the support from Brick Kiln Owner.

• State Level Consultation on Aftercare Program for the stakeholders of Juvenile Justice organized by SANYOG on 21st December 2018.

• State Level Program on Adoption Regulation 2017 organized by OSCPS on 4th June 2019.

Engaging on Policy Issues:

The Department of W & CD & Mission Shakti constituted a state level committee of 10 members (Chairperson-Principal Secretary, W&CD & Mission Shakti; Member Convenor-Director, W&CD & Mission Shakti; five members from Department including Chairperson, OSCPCR; 2 members from UNICEF & UNFPA & one member from ActionAid) to review the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, the Odisha Rules 2009 & implementation of the state strategy on PCMA. The Chairperson being the member of the Committee attended series of meetings held in every two months interval of time since January 2019 to until the amendment of the Odisha Rules in October 2018. The Commission
consolidated the inputs and feedbacks from the members of the above committee and shared the final draft for amendment Odisha PCMA Rule with the Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti.

Also, the Commission contributed the second Annual Report of the Department on the implementation of PCMA 2006 & Orissa Prohibition of Child Marriage Rule 2009 for the year 2018. The activities of the Commission pertaining to prohibition of child marriage included in the above Annual Report. Also, the Commission contributed in Developing state Strategic Plan to End Child Marriage for the Period 2019-2024.

Besides, the Commission being the part of the drafting committee for Odisha State Child Policy attended the meeting organised by Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti &UNICEF on 30th April 2019 and contributed to the discussion around the draft policy. Also, OSCPCR joined the consultation on National Policy on Education 2019 (Draft) organised by NACG-EVAC &PECUC at Bhubaneswar on 28th June 2019 in collaboration with AC, TDH, AEIN and OACR and provided necessary inputs. Joining the consultation of NCPCR on the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) on Rescue, Repatriation and Rehabilitation of Child Labour held at Delhi on 12th June 2019, OSCPCR contributed to the discussion in terms of sharing feedbacks. Similarly, the Commission participated in the State Level Consultation on S. Behura Judgment on the issues related to Child Labour organised by BBA & Department of W&CD & Mission Shakti, Government of Odisha at Bhubaneswar on 20th June 2019 and contributed with inputs.
Drive on to free state from child marriages by 2020

State level convention on combating child marriage

Teenagers Juel Pal, Subasmita Das and Dharitri Pradhan were honoured for conducting several awareness programmes on diverse social issues.

Juel Pal said that for two years, he has been conducting such programmes and feels that he has seen a lot of change in terms of child marriages. He felt that it is important to create awareness among the younger generation about the importance of delaying marriage.

Subasmita Das, another awardee, said that she has been involved in such activities for the past three years and feels that it is important to start these campaigns at a young age to create awareness among the younger generation.

Dharitri Pradhan also echoed the sentiments of her peers and said that it is important to start these campaigns at a young age to create awareness among the younger generation.

The award ceremony was attended by various dignitaries and officials who congratulated the awardees for their efforts in combating child marriages.
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