# CRACR & PD (CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY FOR CHILD RIGHTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY)



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A TRUST REGISTERED UNDER THE INDIAN TRUST ACT, 1882

Date of Registration: 07.05.2019

### **OUR CONCERN**

Phul to do din bahaar-e-jaan-faza dikhla gae Hasrat un ghunchon pe hai jo bin khile murjha gae -Sheikh Ibrahim Zauq

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

CRACR & PD is a trust which came into existence on 07.05.2019 and during its infancy, it elevated itself as a creditable organization with a very high degree of professionalism, efficiency, confidentiality, and ethics. Our clients finally turned out to be our friends. We have friends only.

We are extremely thankful to organizations like the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR), Childline, World Vision India, Railway Children India, People's Cultural Centre, India Alliance for Child Rights, Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Madhuban Police Training Academy, Karnal, Haryana, Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurugram, Haryana, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi and many more organizations and institutions for their direct and indirect support to the organization. We are indebted to Sri Uttam Kumar Sinha. Joint Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi for his unfettered support. Despite his very bad health, and without him, the project 'Balswaraj' could not have been such a success.

We find words have limitations for our gratitude to Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. N. Sinha, Former Judge, High Court of Judicature at Patna, Shri Ramesh Negi, Former Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, and Ms. Razia Ismail for so generously writing testimonials at our website. We are extremely thankful to Ms. Stuti Narain Kacker, Former Chairperson, NCPCR, and Dr. Kiran Aggarwal, eminent Paediatric and a well-known Child Rights Activist, Dr. Nidhi Bhatnagar Shrivastava, an Eminent Radiologist, and a Child Rights Crusader, for their leadership, guidance and tolerance. We are grateful to Mr. Shivaang Sinha, for his indispensable addition of climate change and child rights as one of the priorities of the organization. We are further thankful to all our Advisors, Experts, Consultants, Nodal Officers, Volunteers, and Interns for their self-less support to the organization.

We express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. O.P. Srivastava, UK. Dr. C. S. Verma, UK, Ms. Kathleen McNamara, US, and Mr. Patrick McNamara, US for their support and guidance in our ambitious but nonfunded project, Hifazat. We are also thankful to M/s. ASKD-We Resolve Legal Associates, LLP, Mumbai, for their support and proposed partnership with CRARCR & PD.

We are extremely thankful to M/S HMDSN and Associates, Pitampura, New Delhi for their painstaking contribution as Auditors of the organization. We are also thankful to M/S. Alacrity Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Ghaziabad, UP for their time-to-time suggestions and guidance. We are extremely grateful to Ms. Chetna Sharma, Content Steller for her help, guidance, and maintenance of our website. We are also thankful to Mr. Kaul, VHF, for developing our first website. We are thankful to Ms. Jaya Shekhar, presently a first-year undergraduate student at Lady Shriram College, New Delhi, and our volunteer for the voluntary design of this report. Last but not least I am also thankful to Mr. Monu Bhati, my saarthi, who always went out of his way in supporting me and the organization.

We are grateful to all our friends and well-wishers, including the members of our What's Application group, namely, 'NGO Missing Children'. We are immensely indebted to our friends, well-wishers, fellows, and motivators, irrespective of the fact, whether their contributions have been acknowledged here or not. We know that without your help and support, we could not have budged even an inch. Above all, we are thankful to the Almighty.

SHASHANK SHEKHAR RATNA SAXENA RAJ KUMAR DUBEY

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Dr. Chavi Bhargva Sharma

Mr. Shivaang Sinha

Ms. Jyoti Duhan Rathee

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Mr. Shashank Shekhar

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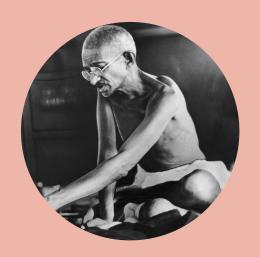
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## OUR PROJECTS AND EVENTS

### **BALSWARAJ**



To commemorate 150th birth anniversary of the Father of Our Nation, Sri Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi, the National Commission For Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Delhi Commission For Protection of child Rights (DCPCR) and Centre for Research and Advocacy for Child Rights and Persons with Disability (CRACR&PD) and The National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi joined hands to talk to children and young persons about Gandhian principles, visions and Gandhi ji's views on children.

DCPCR planned a series of eight activities from 21st October to 07th November, 2019 in partnership with CRACR&PD, the knowledge partner of DCPCR for 'Bal swaraj', wherein we interacted with wide spectrum of children and youth, which include boys from Observation homes, girls from Girls' Children Home, University students, Students from Kendriya Vidyalya, Private School and Government School.

### OUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE:

Gandhiji is still alive and thriving in our children and young, Gandhiji is deeply embedded in our unconscious and needs to be brought out,

Children and young persons are well informed about Bapu and they want to discuss Gandhi Ji,

We still very strongly feel that the Gandhian ways can only ameliorate us from our personal, social, economic, and national evils

Gandhiji is still alive in India not only on currencies and political forays but he is alive in Indian hearts, as no participant claimed to have known Gandhiji by the above-said modes

Some children in Observation Homes on their own initiative came to us and admitted that they were involved in some antisocial activities but now they will follow the Gandhian path of truth, non-violence, and forgiveness.

Governments and organizations like NCPCR and DCPCR shall constantly endeavor to promote Gandhi within individuals because we need to create a child-friendly India, where, children are given opportunities and facilities to develop in a healthy manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity and the childhood and youth are protected against exploitation and against moral and material abandonment.



## Photographs from the Session









### **SAFETY WEEK**

### Workshops in North MCD Schools

सुरक्षित रहें, खुश रहें Under the leadership of DCPCR with the objective to create awareness and curb the menace of child sexual abuse among school-going children, my organization CRACR&PD joined in conducting the workshops with over 200 children in four North MCD Schools with my team consisting of myself (Ratna Saxena Bhardwaj) Shameen, Anuj, Mohan, Akifa & Tanmay.

'Safety Week 2nd Phase' 25th Nov. to 29th Nov. 2019 CRACR&PD participated in the second phase of safety week organized by DCPCR. CRACR&PD with six volunteers/ resource persons covered 28 schools in North MCD out of 30 allocated schools from 25th Nov to 29th of Nov 2019. The team consisted of Tanmaay Bhardwaj, Shamim Alam, Anuj Jhori, Mohan Singh, Faim Alam, and founder members of CRACR&PD Ms. Ratna Saxena as the team leader. The team received appreciation letters from the Principal of all the schools. DCPCR gave certificates to all team members for the same.

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## DELHI STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSULTATION

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GROUPS, MADE DURING THE INTRA GROUP DISCUSSIONS, HELD ON 20.02.2020 DURING THE STATE CONSULTATION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CONDUCTED BY DCPCR, ILI, AND CRACR & PD, HELD AT INDIAN LAW INSTITUTE (ILI).

The state consultation held on 20th February 2020, the World Day of Social Justice, was organized by the Centre for Research & Advocacy for Child Rights & Persons with Disability [CRACR &PD] in collaboration with the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights[DCPCR] and Indian Law Institute [ILI]. CRACR & PD contributed IEC materials. This was uniquely designed consultation as in the 3rd session, the participants were divided into four groups and each group was led by one facilitator as given below-

During the third session, each group discussed:

- 1. The provisions of JJ Act,2015 and Model Rules 2016, within the context of their work area.
- 2. Their problems and also tried to find- out problems of other members of the group and their solution/s,
- 3. Sharing of best practices,
- 4. Suggestions with regard to team work and any out of box thinking, The facilitator remained passive observer and did not participate until requested by the group on any issue.

In the Fourth Session:

Each Group made presentation before the House, presentations were made by the group members in the presence of the facilitator, the facilitator generally restrained herself/himself in intervening during presentation, until and unless required.

The objective of the consultation is summarized as follows:

- Effective engagement of various stakeholders under the Juvenile Justice system,
- Giving opportunity to each stakeholder in the specific designated category to understand their specific responsibilities towards, children, to whom they serve under the JJ System
- To share with other stakeholders, their roles and responsibilities by way of group presentations
- Facilitating each stakeholder to perceive and understand the importance of working in togetherness, engaging for the betterment of children coming under the JJ systems.
   The overall consultation was planned in five sessions,
- Session-1-Inaugural Session and Welcome:Setting the context issues around Juvenile Justice Systems & stakeholders Role,

### Speakers:

- Sh. Ramesh Negi, Chairperson, DCPCR
- Prof. (Dr) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute (ILI)
- Sh. S.B Shashank, IAS, Director, Women and Child Development
- Smt. Rita Singh, Member DCPCR
- Sh. Pramodya Khaka, Assistant Director, Women and Child Development
- Smt. Jyoti Dogra Sood ILI
- Sh. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate Supreme Court, Former Member, DCPCR & Founding Member, CRACR & PD

## Session-2-Discussion, Juvenile Justice [Care & Protection of Children] Act,2015 its Implementation

Moderated by Ms. Rita Singh, Member, DCPCR

Panelist were-

o Sh. Pramodya Khaka, Assistant Director, Women and Child Development o Ms. Jyoti Dogra Sood – ILI o Sh. Shashank Shekhar

Session 3:

Intra-Group Discussions, in four separate groups, namely

i. Child Welfare Committee,

ii. District Child Protection Unit,

iii. Special Juvenile Police Unit and

iv. Counsellors, Social Workers, Childline personnel, students, etc.
First three groups were provided photo copies of the following provisions of
JJ Act, 2015 and Model Rules, 2016, so as to facilitate their discussion,

- Child Welfare Committee: Copy of sections 31 to 38 of JJ Act,2015 & Copies of Model Rules 15,17,18,19 & 20 of Model Rules,2016.
- District Child Protection Unit: Copy of Section 106 of JJ Act,2015 & Copies of Model Rules 84 and 85 of Model Rules,2016.
- Special Juvenile Police Unit: Copy of Section 107 of JJ Act,2015 & Copies of Model Rules 86, 08, 09,10, and 92 of Model Rules,2016.
- Counsellors, Social Workers, Childline personnel, students, etc.: Since this was a varied group, they were left to discuss their issues by themselves.

### Session 4:

Each group was provided a minimum of 15 minutes to make their presentation to the joint house.

Session 5: Way Forward,

Panelist : Mrs. Rita Singh, Mrs. Ratna Saxena and Mr. Shashank Shekhar

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### **RUN FOR BETI**





CRACR & PD participated in the run as one of the Knowledge Partners



### POSITIVITY AWARD TO MS. RATNA SAXENA

On 21st Dec. 2019 at Constitution Club Delhi, Positivity Award Conferred by Brain Behaviour Research Foundation of India in the August presence of Chief Guest, hon'ble Chief Justice (Retd.) Shri Rakesh Tiwari Ji and V. Namgyel, Ambassador to India, The Royal Bhutanese Embassy, felicitated Madam Ratna Saxena, Founding Trustee CRACR & PD for her years of relentless work for the protection of Rights of Children.



# SENSITIZATION OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS OF POCSO ACT,2012 IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF PUNJAB IN COLLABORATION GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB.

The sensitization or orientation workshops were organised in four districts of Punjab, namely, Bhatinda, Jalandhar, Patiala and SBS Nagar between 11.12.2019 to 22.12.2019. All these programs were attended by various stakeholders like police, members of JJB and CWC, DCPU, media, etc.



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### **PROJECT HIFAZAT**

Project Hifazat is the most ambitious project of CRACR & PD and will have far reaching consequences on the complete Juvenile Justice system. Eminent Sociologists, Doctors, Psychologists and Jurists, in India and abroad are working on the issue of making the JJ System more effective in delivering justice to children. This is a completely philanthropic project and is not being funded by any agency. All participants in this project are working voluntarily, without ant remuneration. CRACR & PD is highly obliged and indebted to team, Hifazat.



### **OUR WEBINARS**

**CRACR & PD invites you to** 

### **Getting to know POCSO**

A DETAILED DICSUSSION ON PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT. 2012 (POCSO)

Date: October 28, 2020

(Wednesday)

Time: 12:30 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 895 7467 1980

Passcode: 938674

### Speakers for the event

- 1.Dr. Sangmitra Barik, Deputy Director, NIPCCD,
- 2. Dr. Jayanti Datta, Former Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Delhi.
- 3. Ms. Jyoti Duhan Rathi, Former Member, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
- 4. Ms. Ratna Saxena, Founding Member CRACR & PD and Counselor
- 5.,Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate Supreme Court of India and Founding Member CRACR & PD.

For any queries, feel free to contact our Moderator for the event: Ms. Ratna Saxena, +91 997112587





### **OUR WEBINARS**

CRACR & PD invites you to

## My Experience, My Voice.

A WEBINAR WHERE CHILD RESCUE AND
REHABILITATION ACTIVISTS SHARE THEIR REALLIFE EXPERIENCES.

Join us on Zoom Date: February 20, 2020. Timings: 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 860 7023 5021 Passcode: 406728

Our Speakers for the event:

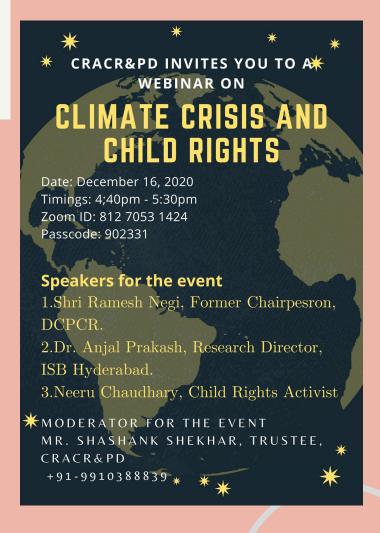
1. Mr. Arun Sharma, Consultant, Child Rights.

2. Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice

3. Mr. Pramod Kumar, Childline, Salam Balak Trust.

Our Moderator for the event: Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Founding Member, CRACR & PD. +91-9910388839

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### **OUR WEBINARS**

CRACR & PD INVITES YOU TO A WEBINAR ON

# POLICY ON KINSHIP CARE/ADOPTION FOR CHILDREN ORPHANED DUE TO COVID-19

JOIN US ON ZOOM DATE: JUNE 9, 2021 (WEDNESDAY) TIMINGS: 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. MEETING ID: 812 3360 5296 PASSCODE: 578018

OUR SPEAKERS FOR THE EVENT

- 1. RATNA SAXENA, CRACR & PD
- 2.MAMTA SAHAI, FORMER MEMBER DCPCR,CHAIRPERSON CWC , MEMBER JJB
- 3. RAJIB SINHA, PLAN INDIA
- 4. SHEKHAR AMBATI, GORED
- 5. REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNICEF, BIHAR (TO BE CONFIRMED)

OUR MODERATOR FOR THE EVENT SHASHANK SHEKHAR, CRACR & PD 9910388839



CRACR & PD INVITES YOU TO A WEBINAR ON

### Need for raising the minimum marriageable age for girls in India.

**MEETING ID: 836 8581 8968** 

**PASSCODE: 139696** 

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 TIMINGS: 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Speakers:

- 1. Razia Ismail, Co-founder and Convenor, IACR
- 2. Kriti Bharti, Activist and Managing Trustee, Saarthi Trust
- 3. Smrity Bhawna, Customer Success Manager and Artist, Tata Communications Ltd.
- 4. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Moderator for the event:

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### **OUR OTHER PROJECTS**

#### PPOJECT 1

Organizational Child Safeguarding Policy, for Pan India Implementation, adopted by UK Board.

#### PROJECT 2

- Report writing and data-analysis for assessment of implementation of UNCRC in India, in 18 states with 4603 participants. The preliminary report prepared on Voices of children is annexed.
- Child Rights and Protection Hand book for Police, Judiciary and Civil Society Organization.

#### PROJECT 3

- Report writing and data-analysis on status of Child marriage in two districts of Rajasthan, namely Alwar and Bharatpur.
- Report writing and data-analysis on status of early pregnancy in two districts of Rajasthan namely Alwar and Bharatpur.
- Report of assessment of JJ Systems in Alwar & Bharatpur Districts of Rajasthan

#### PROJECT 3

Prepared a report on 5 years of work of North Zone ChildLine – Reflections of North Zone (2014 to 2019)

### Project 5

- 1. Prepared Brochure for CWC and JJB with regard to CSA cases
- 2. CSO- Handbook for stakeholders in CSA-cases
- 3.JJB and CWC handbook for CSA cases.

