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DELHI COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
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Meeting was presided over by Justice (Retired) Madan Lokur, Chief Advisor to the Journal who appreciated the multi-disciplinary nature of the Journal, a valuable trove with contribution from individuals from diverse backgrounds. Ms. Sujatha Rao (Former Union Health Secretary), Mr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan (Former IAS/IDFC Senior Fellow/Chief Economist, UNDP) and Ms. Enakshi Ganguly (Expert, JJ/POCSO) are also members of the Advisory Board set up by DCPCR.

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New Delhi

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The meeting was presided over by the Chair of the Advisory Board, Hon'ble Justice Madan Lokur. The Board Members, Ms. Sujatha K Rao (Former Union Health Secretary), Mr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan (Senior Fellow, IDFC/Formal IAS/Formal Chief Economist, UNDP), Ms. Enakshi Ganguly (Founder, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights/Expert-JJ/POCSO) and Mr. Alex Beard (Senior Director, Teach For All) were joined by Mr. Anurag Kundu (Chairperson DCPCR).

Besides aligning on the collective vision of the Journal, the Board discussed the potential outreach strategies to ensure high-quality submissions from potential authors both in India and across the borders. The Board emphasised upon upholding the Journal as an inclusive and multidisciplinary space for engagement for people regardless of their backgrounds. Shortly, public call inviting submissions shall be issued.

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Earlier this month, the Editorial Board of the Journal also held its first meeting, chaired by Dr. Vimala Ramachandran (Former Professor, NUEPA). Editorial Board Members, namely Ms. Soledad Herrero (Child Protection Chief, UNICEF India), Dr. Vandana Prasad (Community Paediatrician & Public Health Professional) and Dr.

Suraj Yengde (Senior Fellow, Harvard University) along with Mr. Anurag Kundu (Chairperson, DCPCR) discussed various matters pertaining to the Journal including its nature, geographical scope and theme of the first issue of the Journal. It was also decided that the half-yearly Journal would be single-blind peer-reviewed, to uphold transparency and eliminate any kind of biases.

This makes DCPCR the first child rights body in the country to set up an independent Journal.