

PRESS RELEASE
DELHI COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

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Child Rights Fellowship will provide a platform for 5 young professionals from diverse backgrounds to work on policy implementation, data analysis, and reforms for child rights, strengthen existing initiatives and make a real-time impact by engaging with government stakeholders.

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New Delhi

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implementation of the rights of the children with particular focus on curbing child abuse, early childhood care and development and education. The applications for the first cohort of the Fellowship are now open. Interested candidates can apply through the following link on or before the 4th of January: <https://shortlist.net/child-rights-fellowship>. In case of any queries, the team can be reached out to at childrightsfellowship@ashoka.edu.in

As part of CRF, the Fellows will get an opportunity to work on-field in the assigned district for 1 year while receiving training, mentorship and support for professional development from government officers and the programme team at CRF. They shall work closely with DCPCR and other government departments within the district administration for better implementation of programmes & policies while ensuring accountability and efficiency in the domain of child rights within the state.

Through this collaboration, the Commission aims to provide an opportunity for 5 young professionals to create real, sustainable change on the ground. DCPCR seeks to recruit a diverse pool of Fellows and has strongly encouraged candidates from all religions, castes, gender groups, and geographical regions to apply for the Fellowship.

The Fellowship will begin with a rigorous 10-days training to build a nuanced understanding of policy, governance and legislative processes and equip them with required skills for working during the Fellowship. Refresher training on subjects related to policy, legislation and governance will also be organised throughout the year for ongoing professional development.

The cohort of 5 Fellows will be instrumental in driving stories of change for child rights in Delhi, resulting in a palpable and visible impact on the ground. Launching the Fellowship, Shri Rajender Pal Gautam, Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development and Social Welfare appreciated how DCPCR is pioneering the cause of the children and setting examples of how Commissions ought to function. He said that our governance in India needs innovations, background research and passion

and this Fellowship is an example of the same. He has given his best wishes to DCPCR and Ashoka University.

Ms. Atishi, Hon'ble MLA, Kalkaji Vidhan Sabha and Former Advisor to Deputy Chief Minister remarked, "Young public spirited professionals engaging with children's issues is what our democracy needs. I congratulate DCPCR and Ashoka University for this outstanding initiative. I hope the Fellows will focus on monitoring robust implementation on the last mile"

Shri Anurag Kundu, Chairperson, DCPCR said that Covid-19 pandemic has put the children in a very disadvantageous position. School and anganwadi closures, and immunisation hindered may be catastrophic for the whole generation. Only a dedicated mission-mode focus on children's issues can save us from the disaster, he said. Expressing his appreciation for Ashoka University's commitment to the cause, he said this Fellowship is an attempt in that direction.