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Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) is launching a half-yearly 'International Journal of Child Rights' which is critical to deepening the discourse on the subject of rights of children across the globe

Hon'ble Justice Madan Lokur (Retired Justice, Supreme Court of India), Ms. Sujatha K Rao (Former Union Health Secretary), Mr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan (Senior Fellow, IDFC/Formal IAS/Formal Chief Economist UN University) and Ms. Enakshi Ganguly (Founder, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights/Expert-JJ/POCSO) have agreed to be the Advisory Panel of the Journal

Dr. Vimala Ramachandran (Former Professor, NUEPA), Ms. Soledad Herrero (Child Protection Chief, UNICEF India), Dr. Suraj Yengde (Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School) and Dr. Vandana Prasad (Community Paediatrician & Public Health Professional/Formal Member, NCPCR) will constitute the Editorial Board

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Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR), the statutory body for monitoring the implementation of rights of the children as well as to promote the cause of their rights, is launching the 'International Journal of Child Rights' with an aim to provide a platform to people enabling child rights in various capacities including interdisciplinary researchers, practitioners, and readers. The intent is to find answers to the challenges being faced while enabling child rights globally. With this journal, the Commission aspires to build a stronger understanding of development, education, health and well-being of children.

The Journal would invite fundamental or applied research papers, articles, research reviews, best practices in the domain, stories of change from the ground, documentations of field experiences, critiques of various state or privately run initiatives, interviews, policy analysis and book reviews. The aim of this section is to encourage introspection about existing structures and encourage deliberations for reforms. The Journal would also include a section which would aim to simplify complex yet crucial issues related to children's rights in a manner which is understandable to people without academic or sector expertise.

The Journal would be a free and open-source resource for everyone who wishes to access and subscribe to it, and would not avail any submission fee from Authors. The Commission aspires to make the Journal a professionally-run independent publication and therefore, does not intend to interfere in any editorial or management decision of the same.

The Advisory Panel comprises eminent personalities from diverse fields having substantial accomplishments in the field of child rights. It will be chaired by Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Sh. Madan Lokur, and will include Mr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan (Resident Senior Fellow, IDFC Institute, Former IAS & Chief Economist, UN University), Ms. Enakshi Ganguly (Co-Founder, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights) and Ms. K. Sujatha Rao (Former Union Health Secretary).

The Editorial Board comprises academicians or researchers from diverse fields of governance and child rights. It will be chaired by Professor (Dr.) Vimala Ramachandran (Retired Professor, NUEPA- Chief Editor) and would have Ms. Soledad Herrero (Child Protection Chief, UNICEF India), Dr. Vandana Prasad (Community Paediatrician & Public Health Professional/Former Member, NCPCR) and Dr. Suraj Yengde, (Senior Fellow, Harvard University) as its members. A Review Panel would be set up with experts from various domains who would be undertaking the peer-review.

Launching the Journal, Sh. Anurag Kundu, Chairperson, DCPCR said, "If you wish to change something in a democracy, change the discourse about it. I hope this journal

will help build stronger and more meaningful discourse about the rights of the children.”

Sh. Rajendra Pal Gautam, Hon’ble Minister of Women & Child Development, GNCTD expressed his appreciation of the fact that the Journal will have the support of eminent experts from such diverse fields and said, “I am sure the Journal will highlight the plight of children from vulnerable backgrounds, and take up issues pertaining to institutional discrimination against those historically marginalised.”