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DELHI COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS (DCPCR) GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

Ms. Yamini Aiyar and Prof (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao Join Editorial Board of DCPCR's "*Children First: Journal on Children's Lives*"

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Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) had launched the first issue of its journal on children's lives in November 2021, namely **Children First-Journal on Children's Lives**. The inaugural issue of the journal gave the opportunity to many researchers, academicians, child rights activists and others from the field of child rights to come together to a platform and share their opinions and research to help people understand the lives of children better.

To expand the horizon of the bi-annual journal and further strengthen its editorial capacities, **Ms Yamini Aiyar**, President and Chief Executive of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and **Mr Srikrishna Deva Rao**, Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law, National Law University, Delhi has consented to join the Editorial Board of the journal.

Ms Yamini Aiyar, is an expert researcher. Her research interests span the fields of public finance, social policy, state capacity, federalism, governance and the study of contemporary politics in India. She has published widely in academic publications and the popular press, and writes regularly on current affairs and policy matters in mainstream Indian newspapers.

She also serves on a number of government and international policy committees as well as boards of nonprofits and think tanks. Her recent policy commitments include: Commissioner and Chair governance working group, Lancet Commission on Reimagining India's Health System; Member State Advisory Council, Government of Punjab, Member Technical Advisory Group, National Data and Analytics Platform, Niti Aayog.

***"I'm absolutely delighted to join the editorial board. I believe the journal is an important platform to promote rigorous and Cutting edge policy research on the only issue that should matter to this great nation, the future well-being of our children. It is a privilege for me to be part of this journey."* - Ms Yamini Aiyar**

Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao has been instrumental in institutionalising legal aid and legal empowerment in India. He is an institutional builder and has made significant contributions to the growth and expansion of multiple nascent institutions in India. He has previously been the Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Odisha (2014 - 2020), Registrar of National Law University Delhi (2010 - 2014), Founding Director of School of Law, IGNOU (2007 - 2010), and Dean of the Gujarat National Law University (2004 - 2007).

"The DCPCR has been doing excellent work towards the protection and furtherance of child rights, and this journal reflects their desire that policy is informed by high-quality research and data, and to elevate the public discourse on these issues. These are worthy aims, and it is my privilege to be contributing to this, alongside some of the finest minds in the field. I look forward to Children's First paving the way and setting standards for such initiatives in other areas as well"- Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao

Ms Yamini Aiyar and Mr Srikrishna Deva Rao will be joining the other esteemed dignitaries on the Editorial board, which includes:

- Chief Editor Dr Venita Kaul, (Professor Emerita(Education)/Former Director of School of Education Studies as well as Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development)
- Dr Vandana Prasad (Community Paediatrician & Public Health Professional/Formal Member. NCPCR);
- Mr Mahesh Menon (Assistant Professor of Law, Sai University; Faculty, Daksha Fellowship);
- Professor Vimala Ramachandran (Former Professor NUEPA & Director, Educational Resource Unit); and
- Dr Suraj Yengde (Senior Fellow, Harvard University)

The Forthcoming Issue of Children First Journal on Children's Lives focuses on the 'Second year of Covid-19 Pandemic: Disrupted Childhoods, Disrupted Education'. and how it has significantly disrupted the childhoods and the education of children in the Indian context.

The Journal's Advisory Board comprises of:

- Justice Madan B. Lokur (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India)
- Ms. Sujatha K. Rao (Former Union Health Secretary, Govt of India)
- Ms. Enakshi Ganguly (Co-Founder, Haq: Centre for Child Rights)
- Ms. Soledad Herrero (Child Protection Chief, UNICEF India)
- Mr. Alex Beard (Senior Director, Teach For All)
- Dr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan (Former IAS/Formal Chief Economist, UNDP)

DCPCR Chairperson Anurag Kundu welcomed the Ms. Yamini and Prof. Rao to the Editorial Board and said, "It is our honour to have them join our Board"