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(FROM DATE 14TH JULY 2023 TILL DATE)



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ADV. SMT JAYASHRI PALVE



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**MAHARASHTRA STATE COMMISSION FOR
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SHRI. UDAY JADHAV, IAS

PERIOD - 18TH JANUARY 2021 TILL 16TH MAY 2023.



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PERIOD - 16TH MAY 2023 TILL 31ST DECEMBER 2023.



CHAIRPERSON'S FORWARD

The innocent children bustling with various possibilities is the real asset of any nation. They are not only the citizens of today, but are the future of our nation. Hence it is our common responsibility to protect, harness and promote their childhood. The Indian Constitution guarantees the right to life, development, participation and protection to each of its citizen and which are equally applicable to the children as well. The State Government established the Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights on date 24th July 2007 for protection and conservation of the same.

Creation of a proper surrounding conducive for a safe healthy and confident life for every child is the principal objective of the commission. The commission coordinates with various government departments for ensuring effective implementation of the Child Rights Protection Act 2005, Juvenile Justice Act 2015, Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act 2012 and Right to Education Act 2009. The commission takes serious cognizance of every complaint received in respect of offences against any child and attempts to ensure that every child gets justice. Besides ensuring the disposal of complaints, the commission also implements various workshops, awareness initiatives, counselling and various enlightenment programs for overall benefit of the children.



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The commission implemented the following initiatives during the period under review :-

- 1) Keep Playing (खेलते रहो)
- 2) Child Friendly Award (बालस्नेही पुरस्कार)

Similarly reviewed the POCSO and J.J. laws, and developed special protocol for the rehabilitation of children and held hearings of various pending cases. This initiatives have ensured justice, protection to the children and ensured an appropriate direction to their bright future.

The commission has caused a positive change in the lives of thousands of children. The commission is ensuring a competent and concrete structure with the cooperation from police, courts, child welfare committees, health and educational institutions, which will help create a safe and respectful environment for each and every child. I feel that when we see the growing a social awareness about the children's rights in Maharashtra state, this is definitely a result of the work done by the commission. I am convinced that the Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights is always alert to ensure protection, development opportunity and justice to the children in our state.

All of us should ensure that every child in our state leads a happy, safe and respectable childhood because this is our real national wealth

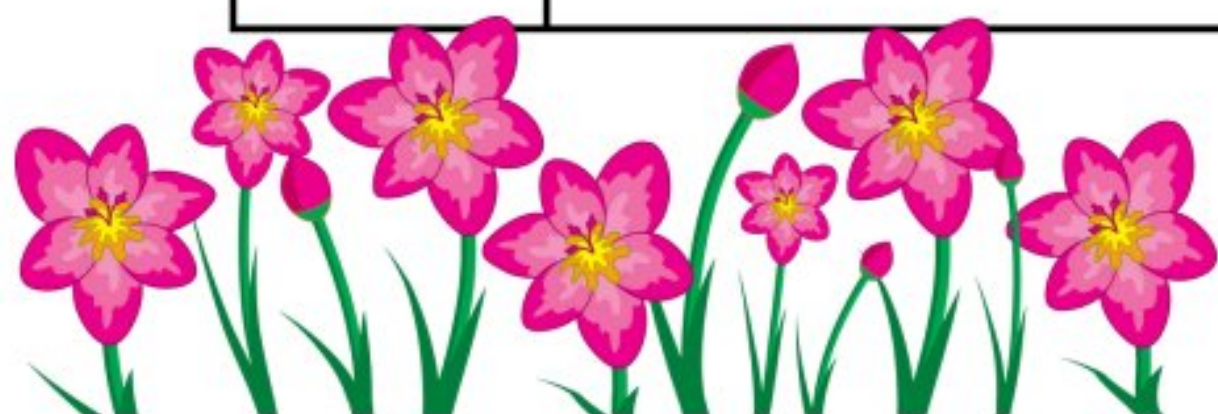
- Advocate Sushiben Shah



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE IN THE COMMISSION'S OFFICE

APPROVED 12 POSTS

Sr no	Designation	Approved Posts	Filled up Post
1	Secretary	1	1
2	Legal Adviser	1	1
3	Administrative Officer	1	0
4	Assistant Administrative Officer and Accounts Officer	1	1
5	Higher Grade Steno Typist	2	0
6	Probation Officer	2	1
7	Clerk	2	2
8	Peon	2	1



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A | ABBREVIATIONS

ADGP	Additional Director General of Police
CCI	Childcare Institution
CCSE	Countering Child Sexual Exploitation
CWC	Child Welfare Committee
CWPO	Child Welfare Police Officer
DCPU	District Child Protection Unit
DO	District Officer
DWCD	Department of Women and Child Development
IAS	Indian Administration Services



ICMEC	International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
IG	Inspector General
IJM	International Justice Mission
IPS	Indian Police Service
JJ Act	Juvenile Justice Act, 2015
JJB	Juvenile Justice Board
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSCPCR	Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
NCMEC	National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children



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NCPCR	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
NCRB	National Crime Records Bureau
PPP	Public-Private Partnerships
PwC	Price water house Coopers
SC	Supreme Court
SIR	Social Investigation Report
SJPU	Special Juvenile Police Unit
SP	Superintendent of Police



A | ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was established as a statutory body in July 2007 vide Child Rights Protection Act 2005 (No 4 of 2006) for protection, promotion and defending the child rights. The law defines Child to be a person less than eighteen years of age. The section 2 (B) of the Act includes the following rights granted by the principal standards adopted by the Children's Rights Convention approved by the United Nations General Assembly. The principal standards adopted by the Children Rights Convention are as follows :

- The child will be protected against all type of discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, language, religion political or other inclinations, national racial or social origin, property, disability, birth or social status of the child.
- The interests of the child shall be primary in all the actions connected with it.
- The child shall be entitled to get identification, name and nationality.
- Every child is entitled to right to live, life and development by birth which includes maximum achieved health standards to treatment facilities and education as well, which were directed towards development of fully capable personality. The children are entitled to social security benefits.
- Every child shall be entitled to take rest and engage itself in sports and entertainment initiatives.



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- Every Child shall be entitled to ideal mental, spiritual, moral and social development.
- No child can be illegally transferred, abducted, sold or trafficked for any immoral purposes in any nature. The children's opinion shall be given its due importance.
- The child cannot be separated from its parents against its wishes. The Child can be separated from the parents only if it is necessary for its benefit.
- The child deprived of family environment shall be entitled to special protection and assistance afforded by the state.
- The institutions responsible for the upbringing or protection of the child shall comply the stipulated standards of established service and facilities.
- The child shall be protected from economic exploitation.
- The children should not be subjected to illegal use of intoxicating drugs and substances causing ill effects on the mind.
- A mentally or physically unfit child should enjoy his life completely and entirely, which shall ensure his dignity, enhance self reliance and enable him to actively participate in the society.
- The child should be safe from all type of physical and mental violence, misconduct, injury, neglect or abuse or exploitation including sexual exploitation.



- Every child should be protected from each and every form of sexual exploitation
- To inspect any remand home or residence or institution under the control of the State Government, along with the institutions operated by organizations including their officials where children have been taken into possession with the objective of treatment, improvement or protection or the premises which were allocated to them for their residence and if required to take them to such officers for remedial action. ;
- To inquire into the grievances or take Su-MOTO cognizance of the following matters
- Violation of child rights and depriving them of the same. ;
- Non implementation of the laws meant for the protection and development of the children
- Non implementation of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions intended to reduce the troubles of children and ensure their benefit as well as to grant them relief and to raise the various points arising in such cases with the competent authority and other appropriate duties for enhancement of child rights incidental thereto. .
- To analyse the prevailing policies, laws and practices for evaluating the compliance of sessions related to child rights and submit the reports on the working of such security measures annually and at periodic intervals deemed fit by the commission ;
- To conduct formal investigation in cases where the child itself or any concerned individual on its behalf has expressed concern ;



- To promote and respect all the government departments / institutions related with the children as well as their work and to consider their opinion / outlook seriously
- Every child should be protected from each and every form of sexual exploitation
- Presentation and dissemination of information related to child rights. ;
- To collect and analyse information related to the children. ;
- To promote inclusion of child rights in school curriculums, and to impart training to teachers and other employees related to the children,
- No child can be subjected to atrocities or any cruel, inhuman or undignified treatment or punishment or illegally deprived from any type of his liberty.
- Any child who is victim of any type of neglect, exploitation or atrocity should be physically and mentally rehabilitated and all appropriate measures will be taken to promote his reintegration into the society.
- International Humanitarian law Rules applicable to children affected by armed conflict or war like situation shall be honored.
- Every child accused of or identified for violating the law is entitled to dignified and appropriate treatment.
- The confidentiality about identity of any child accused or convicted for violation of law shall be protected from illegal interference or entry into his house and his dignity and self respect should be protected.



B | DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

VIDE THE STATE CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT 2005

- 1. To verify and review any protection to child rights offered vide or under any Act and recommend measures for its effective implementation;
- As a measure of that precaution or required by the commission, to submit annual or periodic reports to the State Government;
- To inquire into the violation of children's rights and to recommend action in such cases.
- To examine all the matters prohibiting to take advantage of child rights of children affected by terrorism, communal violence, H I V / AIDS, trafficking, abuse, -----
- --harassment and exploitation, pornography and prostitution and to recommend action in such cases.;
- To pay attention to children requiring special care and protection, which includes estranged, neglected and affected, legally challenged, minor, orphaned children and and to recommend action in such cases.;
- To study international conventions and other means and to regularly review the prevailing policies, planning of programs and other initiatives related to child rights and to recommend action in such cases:



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- To undertake and promote research related to child rights;
- To literacy about child rights in various constituents of the society and to enhance awareness about the various solutions available for protection of the children rights through publications, media, symposia and other available media.

UNDER THE RIGHT TO FREE AND COMPULSARY EDUCATION ACT 2009

**Following duties have been entrusted to the Child Rights Protection
Commission vide section 31 and 32 of the Right to Education Act 2009**

- To examine and review the protection of rights granted vide the said Act (Right to Education Act 2009) and to recommend measures for its effective implementation.
- To inquire into complaints related to free and compulsory education of the children.
- To take necessary action for protection of child rights in terms of section 15 and 24 of the Child Rights Act 2005.
- While conducting inquiry into any matter related to the Child Rights laws and compulsory education, they shall possess the same authority as vested in the commission vide section 14 and 24 of the Child Rights Act 2005.
- Notwithstanding anything included in section 31, any individual can submit written complaint related to the child rights vide the Right to Education to the functioning local authority of the area of operation.



The local authority shall decide the matter after receiving the complaint, as per Section 32(1).

Any individual aggrieved due to decision of the local authority can prefer appeal to the State Commission. The State Commission shall decide the said appeal vide section 32 (3) of the Act.



C] COMPLAINT REDRESSING MACHINERY:

NOTIFICATION 1

- The State Commission for Child Rights is a statutory organization constituted vide Protection of Child Rights Act 2005. The State Government has constituted the State Commission vide order no C R C / 2006 / C R 139 / D -3 dated 24th July 2007.
- In terms of the authority vested vide sub section (1) j and (1) (j) (I) (ii) (iii) as well as sub section (1) k of section 13 read with sub section (1) of section 14 in the Commission, it has approved the implementation of proposal for stipulating the work procedure of the proposals of these provisions under consideration. Accordingly the work procedure is being stipulated as follows.
- The distribution of work for complying sub section (1) (j) (I) (ii) (iii) of section 13 has been effected on similar lines as the Information Commission and Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal.
- A - 1) The Principal Bench of the Commission shall be located at Mumbai and Judgment benches shall be located at Aurangabad and Nagpur.
- A - 2) The commission shall receive complaints under the Child Rights Protection Act 2005 at Mumbai and forward the same to its concerned bench.



- The members of the concerned benches shall decide the change in the location of their hearings within their area of operation.
- Quorum of minimum two members is required for any hearing.
- Decisions of transfer of any member from one bench to another shall be taken in the commission's meetings.
- IF any important matter is included, the said matter shall be heard at Mumbai before the entire quorum of the commission. The Honorable Chairperson or Secretary (referred as Member Secretary) shall decide whether the nature of any case is significant or otherwise. Hearing before the entire quorum of the commission shall be held at least once. The meeting of the commission as well as its entire quorum may be organised on the same day.
- Considering the work load on the members, the Chairman can depute them from one block to another for hearing.



NOTIFICATION 2

In terms of State Government instructions dated 24th July 2005, Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights has rechristened the commission established for protection of child rights as “Child Rights Protection Commission and drafted rules on date 31st of May 2010 on behalf of the State Government.

PROCEDURE

- Any individual / institution / authority can suo motu seek redressal for the following deeds or misdeeds committed by State and Central Government or any other authority / institution, with the State Child Rights Commission.
- **Denial and detraction of child rights**
- **Non implementation of Acts passed for the protection and development of children.**
- **Non compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or restrictions to reduce the troubles faced by the children and not ensuring their welfare and not providing them any relief therefrom.**
- **Any other things felt necessary and coincidental in the aforesaid work for promotion of child rights or any other matter.**
- All the applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights, third floor, G T S building, Sir Pochkhanwala Road, Worli Mumbai 400 030 .
- Name, description and complete correspondence address of the applicant and defendant will be decided on every application. It should be typewritten



- The application should be submitted in six copies along with the certified copies of the documents attached with the application, which should be accompanied by duly attested supporting affidavit. All the pages of the application should be serially numbered.
- The applicant should forward a copy of the application to all the defendants and attach photo copy of post office or courier acknowledgment thereof with the application .
- Every application shall have an index of documents and enclosures thereof.
- After receipt of application, notice will be served on all the parties through the advocate or electronic or any other media specified by the state or central government in this behalf. The notice shall mention the date and location of hearing before the commission.
- The commission can serve public notice to all the parties through news papers in cases where many applications dealing with a single or similar public cause are received. In such cases, the commission can decide about sharing the expenditure to be incurred for publication of such notice.
- The defendant shall have the liberty to record written objections to the application in the nature of counter affidavit (containing evidence of delivery of advance copies to the defendant) which should contain of response on merits and responses or negations of a general nature will not be considered. If the Central or State Government or Government undertaking or office of any authority owned managed or controlled by the Central / State Government is the defendant, the counter affidavit should be signed by their head of office.
- 10.The commission shall have the following authority –



- **To Requisition any documents from any individual or central governemnt or state government or any other officials. .To summon any individual for witness / submission of evidence and procure other evidences from such persons on affidavit.**
- **To ensure presence / seek assistance of the individuals (officer / (s) in reference to its working.**
- Any institution including minimum two members shall be competent to hear and issue orders on the applications. .
- The commission shall conduct area visits as per requirement and conduct public hearing through one or more members or specially invited individuals or through central / state government officials, voluntary organizations, other institutions and experts with the officials and voluntary organizations.
- In such cases the commission can issue interim orders wherever possible ; Final order will be issued within a period of 90 days from the date of such interim order.
- After affording the opportunity of hearing to the parties, the commission shall issue written order and forward copies thereof the concerned parties.
- All the orders passed by the committee will be certified by the secretary under the seal and stamp of the commission.



D] COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATION INQUIRES AND HEARINGS CONDUCTED THEREON BY THE COMMISSION :-



The Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights toured the Ahmednagar District on dates 15th and 16th February 2023

Visited the Kolhapur Bar Council and sought their support for our unique initiative by name "Balrakshak" (Children's Guard), which will provide support for Balmitra Maharashtra Project



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Toured Kolhapur morning and next day held a meeting of all the concerned in the Women and Child Development Department, District Council, Education Department and Police Department and discussed and appropriately instructed them on #Child Friendly Maharashtra.



Addressed the students pursuing the social work studies at Government Cyber College Kolhapur. Similarly also appraised them about the Balrakshak initiative and appealed them to participate therein. The College Principal Dr Deepak Bhosale welcomed everybody on this occasion.





A two day Kolhapur tour of The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection Child Rights has been scheduled on dates 28th and 29th March 2023 for two days

As Chairperson of the Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights called on Shri Deepak Pande, Special Inspector General of Police, Women and Child Atrocities Prevention Department, Maharashtra State



Visited Ashray Boys
Shelter Home today
CCDT



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A meeting for planning further proceedings with the members of the commission for implementation of various programs and events of the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was held. The commission is always willing to protect the children in Maharashtra and their rights as well.



The review meeting of Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights commenced by reciting the Maharashtra State song.



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Called on the officials of the Mumbai Airport and discussed the resumption of Priyadarshini Taxi service with them. Discussed the problems adversely affecting their livelihood on the airport.



The meeting of the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights with the representatives of a voluntary organization Majlis was held at Mumbai. It was decided to effectively implement the POCSO and Juvenile Justice Act in Mumbai and Konkan divisions





Participated in the public awareness rally against child labour organized at Behram Pada Bandra on the occasion of International Anti Child Labour Day and distributed the aforesaid pamphlets from shop to shop and pasted the stickers disseminating this campaign



Signature Campaign commenced at Kamgar Bhavan on the occasion of International Anti Child Labour Day for creating awareness about the child labour. All those present on the occasion signed the banner hoisted on the occasion



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Participated in a symposium on protection of child rights in digital space under the national dialogue scheme organized by the Rajasthan State Child Rights Protection Commission at Mount Abu



The Chairperson of MSCPCR, Mrs Susieben Shah, was invited as chief guest in the sexual sensitization program organized at Narayanrao Chavan Law College at Nanded.





The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights organized a meeting in the hall at District Collector's office in Aurangabad Division to review the cases filed under the POSCO and Juvenile Justice Act



Discussing the matter of commencing the day care centres in public private partnership in Mumbai city and suburbs area on behalf of the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, in a meeting held with and chaired by Honorable Minister for Women and Child Development Smt Aditi Tatkare



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Participated in the symposium organized by the Mumbai High Court and its Child Rights Committee and the Women and Child Development Department along with and in the prominent presence of various dignitaries



Called on the orphaned children of the victims and their relatives adversely affected in the land slide incident at Irshalwadi in Raigad District and the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights will follow up the matter of including the 22 children under the child care scheme promoted by the Department of Women and Child Development as a special case.





A meeting was organized in the office of the Child Rights Commission to discuss important topics. The Child Rights Commission is committed to ensure a safe atmosphere for the children in the state. Implementation of incidental schemes during the ensuing period was discussed.



Participated in the Zoom meeting chaired by and held in the august presence of the Honorable Minister for Women and Child Development Smt Aditi Tatkar, on behalf of the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and discussed various subjects and the Children's Day awards to be awarded.



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Called on Shri Suraj Mandhre, Education Commissioner Maharashtra State and urged him to involve the Child Rights commission and other organizations working in the field while drafting the E C E guidelines and also discussed the difficulties faced in the implementation of the Right to Education Act and to take proper steps to prevent schools from blocking the issue of school leaving certificate on the pretext of non payment of fees.



Summoned the concerned parents, and the Head Master of the Poddar International School as well as the officials of the Education Department and held their meeting during the hearing of the Child Rights Commission at Pune to discuss their case.





The Maharashtra Child Rights Protection Commission organized hearing of cases in the Pune Division at Mahatma Gandhi Training Center and Women and Child Development Office Pune.



In the background of unfortunate demises at hospitals at Nanded and other parts of Maharashtra, visited the Wadia Children's Hospital at Mumbai along with Shri Shivraj Patil the Secretary of the Commission



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Zarine Gupta of the founder of the Salam Child Trust working for street children in Mumbai called on me today and discussed about the overall development and security of the children residing on the streets .



The Child Friendly Awards for the year 2023 were awarded at Yeshwantrao Chavan Hall in Mumbai in a function jointly organized by the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Women and Child Development Department and UNICEF. The Honorable Minister for Women and Child Development Smt Aditi Tatkare and Leader of Opposition Shri Vijay Vadettiwar, Women and Child Development Commissioner Shri Prashant Narnaware, Special Inspector General of Police (Women and Atrocities), Shri Deepak Pande and Director of Save Childhood Movement Smt Sampurna Behrua was graced the function by their august presence. The said awards were awarded to individuals and institutions doing special noteworthy work for protection of children .





Many important issues were discussed in a meeting held with the Honorable Minister for School Education Shri Deepak Kesarkar. The issue of constituting Sakhi Savitri committee for ensuring a secure atmosphere for the boys and girls studying in all the schools in the state. Similarly the Honorable Minister also instructed for implementing public awareness campaigns for dissemination and canvassing of Chirag app .



Incidental to the Nagpur tour, visited the government girls child home at Katol Road, Nagpur. The initiatives being implemented for the overall development of the slow learner girls and their care is really noteworthy. My best wishes to this institutions for its future course of journey.



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The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Right organized a review meeting about the matters under the POSCO and Juvenile Justice Acts



E] SIGNIFICANT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION :

Constitution of Sakhi Savitri Committee :-

**Proposed guidelines by the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of
Child Rights for effective implementation of the Government
Resolution dated 10th March 2022.**

- **Awareness and skill creation**

1. Knowledge, Skill and mentality training to all the committee members.
2. Child security, Child Development (emotional, physical, social, sexual and unattended) training to teachers and non teaching staff. Similarly they should also be trained to handle the situation if any student communicates any sexual exploitation on him. The said training should be imparted through various departments of the government such as DIET, District Education Department and SCERT with the backing of voluntary organizations either online or offline and create their mentality.
3. To create awareness about the child security, child rights, child helpline number, and nearest police station contact numbers through poster, audio visuals, pledges, videos and slogans during the prayer and lunch intervals in the schools.
4. Self defence curriculum and training should be arranged for boys and girls.
5. The various posters prepared by the Maharashtra State Child Rights Protection Commission should be displayed near the school canteen and toilets.



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The city / Tehsil District level committees shall have access to Child protection so that they can accordingly assist the schools / wards and arrange trainings in future .

The schools should submit report to the Block Education Officer / Administrative Officer. The Block Education Officer / Administrative Officer are required to submit consolidated report to the District Education Officer. The District Education Officer should submit quarterly report and a comprehensive report about the inspection of schools incidental to the same. .

The name Sakhi Savitri in the Government resolution should be changed to “Jyotiba Savitri “in order to ensure gender equality.

Engagement of counsellor – There should be a counsellor in every school. Students requiring support for mental fitness are required to be counselled and brought back to the mainstream.

1. Public – Private Partnership.

2. Representation of Non -governmental organizations in the committees established at the school + URC + city level.

To utilize the present digital platform for online training of the teachers + committee members + non teaching staff. Similarly voluntary organizations’ assistance can be sought for offline training of teachers + committee members + non teaching staff wherever required.



- **Reporting and Supervision process**

1. Clarity about submitting reports of the cases to the committee members and creating awareness that complaint can be recorded through Chirag App.
2. After receiving information about the case from the victim child as well as their friends, the steps to be taken by the committee members. (Response time for the said case + preparing an intervention scheme + to supply appropriate means to the student and ensure that he is feeling safe and thereafter committee should stop its intervention) The committee will ensure the compliance of all the government laws such as J J and POSCO Act while disposing off the cases.
3. The school headmaster should record the cases through SARAL portal + creation of a separate tab on SARAL portal for detailed report so that even if the student is transferred to another school the concerned head master will become aware about the information about the cases and the head master can accordingly help the concerned student. Details of cases outside the school purview can be recorded by using CHIRAG app (MSCPCR).





Meeting was held on date 9th May 2023 with Honorable Shri Deepak Kesarkar, Minister for School Education of Maharashtra State for discussing the Sakhi Savitri and other matters in the education department. The School Education Department vide Government Resolution dated 9th May 2023 has stipulated for constitution of Sakhi Savitri committees at various levels for creating a healthy and equitable atmosphere at the school level for the security of all the girls and boys in all the schools in the state. The commission submitted a draft of such guidelines for the effective implementation of the said government resolution to the government.



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Incidental to the same, the Honorable Minister organized an online meeting of all the Divisional Deputy Directors of Education, Directors of Education for Primary and Secondary Education and other senior officials on date 3rd November 2023 at the Maharashtra Primary Education Council Mumbai. During the said meeting, the Honorable Minister instructed all the Divisional Deputy Directors of Education to urgently implement the said government resolution in a time bound manner. The Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah, member Advocate Nilima Chavan, Incumbent Administrative Officer and Accounts Officer Smt Rohini Lade, Superintendent Smt Madhavi Bhosale (M E S) and Junior care taker Shri Ajay Londhe were present for the said meeting on behalf of the commission.



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1. Regulatory guidelines drafted by the commission

The committee constituted under the guidance and leadership of the Commissioner of Education and the Director of Maharashtra State Educational Research and Training Council Pune by the School Education Department of the state is drafting regulatory guidelines for the pre childhood upbringing / pre-primary centers.

Incidental to the same, the commission has drafted the regulatory guidelines for pre childhood upbringing / pre primary centers in accordance with the new educational policy and submitted them to the School Education Department vide letter dated 31st May 2023 for further necessary action in the matter. UNICEF as well as many other institutions under Early Childhood Development Alliance have extended their cooperation for drafting of the said guidelines.



F | A CHILD FRIENDLY AWARDS

The state level Child Friendly Awards function was organized at the state level for the first time on date 22nd November 2023 under the joint auspices of Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights, UNICEF, Women and Child Development Department, Commuted Communities Development Trust (C C D T) and Hope for Children India. This state level program was organized at Yeshwantraao Chavan Hall, Nariman Point Mumbai between 10 : 30 A M to 01 : 30 P M .

The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights is a state level commission established under the Child Rights Protection Act 2005. Protection, dissemination and promotion of child rights is one of the principal objectives behind establishing the commission. All the administrative machinery and institutions such as the District Collector offices, Health / Education Department, Chief Executive Officers of District Councils, District Women and Children Development Officers, Child Welfare Committees, Children's Homes, Police Officers and employees are discharging their responsibilities with a positive mindset. Such children friendly machineries / individuals have been felicitated with Child Friendly Awards.



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- The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights held a review program of POSCO and J J Act cases in Konkan, Pune and Aurangabad Divisions. The commission unveiled the booklets on POSCO and J J Acts during the said review programs.
- Minister for Women and Child Development Smt Aditi Tatkare, Leader of Opposition Shri Vijay Vadettiwar, Inspector General of Police for Women and Child Atrocities Prevention Department Shri Deepak Pande, Commissioner of Women and Child Development Department Dr Prashant Narnavare, Executive Director of Save Childhood Movement Smt Sampurna Behura, Commission Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah and other members, Director of Hope for Children Shri Caroline, Smt Rajlaxmi Nair and senior officials of the Women and Child Development Department were present at this award function.



IN ALL 77 OFFICIALS GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS WERE FELICITATED IN THE SAID AWARD CEREMONY AND THE DETAILS THEREOF ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

Sr.no	Category of award winners	Award winners
1	Best District Collector	Shri Rahul Rekhawar, District Collector Kolhapur
		Smt Anchal Goyal (for work while functioning as District Collector Parbhani)
		Shri Jalaj Sharma (for work while functioning as District Collector Dhule)
		Shri Rajiv Nivatkar(for work while functioning as District Collector Mumbai City)
2	Best District Superintendent of Police	Smt Ragsudha R (District Superintendent at Parbhani)



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3	Best Chief Executive Officer	Smt Bhuvaneshwari (For work at Dhule)
		Smt Ashima Mittal (Nashik)
		Shri Vivek Johnson (Chandrapur)
		Shri Ayush Prasad (for work at Pune)
4	Best District Women and Child Develop ment	1.Akola 2. Dhule 3. Nasik (with Child Welfare Committee) 4. Parbhani 5. Kolhapur (with Child Welfare Committee) 6. Thane
5	Best Child Welfare Committee	1. Mumbai Suburbs 2 2. Nagpur 3. Jalna 4. Amravati



6	Best Special and Police Units	1.Shri Atul Aher, Senior Police Inspector, New Mumbai 2.Shri Manoj Sutar, Police Inspector, Mumbai City 3.Smt Sushama Pawar, Assistant Police Inspector, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar 4.Smt Tejashri Shinde, Mira Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar 5. Smt Archana Katke, Assistant Police Inspector, Pune 6. Shri Vijay Chaudhari, Police Constable, New Mumbai 7. Shri Sharad Nanekar, Assistant Police Inspector, Trombay Police, Mumbai 8. Shri Pradeep Deshmukh, Police Constable, Trombay Police, Mumbai
7	Best District Child Protection Unit	1. Yavatmal 2. Mumbai City 3. Chhatratpati Sambhaji Nagar
8	Best Child Adoption Institution	1. Bal Asha Trust, Mumbai City 2. Bharatiya Samajseva Kendra, Pune



9	Best Probation Home	1. Dongri Probation Home, Mumbai City 2. Bhiwandi Probation Home, Thane
10	Best Special Children's Home	1. Dongari Children's Home, Mumbai 2. Government Girls Children's Home, Nagpur
11	Best Open Shelter home	1. Vatsalya Foundation, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai City 2. Sathi (Society for Assistance to Children in Difficult Situation) Pune

Similarly 75 boys and girls who completed their studies residing in various children's homes in the state and currently successfully settled in their life were also felicitated in the said program.



v) Constituted committee as per Honorable Supreme Court Directives and submitted the report to the Government. :-

- The Honorable Supreme Court had directed all the Child Rights Protection Commission in all the states vide its judgment in Sampurna Behura versus Union of India case to assess the requirement of probation officers' posts for effective implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act and various other incidental points therein and submit report thereof to the concerned state governments. Accordingly the Commission constituted an advisory committee chaired by retired judge of the Mumbai High Court Honorable Shri M Kanade under the joint auspices of I J M and Tata Institute of Social Sciences and after studying the procedure or working of Children's homes and requirement of probation officers' posts for effective implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act have submitted a detailed report to the Government on date 9th October 2023.



F] B WORKSHOPS / SYMPOSIUM / SEMINAR

A meeting in this reference was organized on date 28th March 2022. All the voluntary organizations working with Prerana on various aspects of child welfare and Rajmata Jijau Child Welfare mission participated in the meeting. Participation of UNICEF, Salam Children Trust, Support * to work for children who are victims of excessive consumption of narcotic drugs, AShiyana, Pratham - working for child labour ; was required in the process of developing the protocol. Accordingly the aforesaid organizations were advised to submit their willingness and inputs in the matter. Many out of them have provided positive inputs. It was also resolved in the said meeting to requisition copies of the prevailing guidelines, circulars, notifications and directives issued in this regard from the Women and Child Commissioner Office Pune, vide which the said information is sought. The work of developing the aforesaid protocol will be completed at the earliest after all the information and inputs are received from the aforesaid institutions



Symposium organized by the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Mumbai High Court, Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Department of Women and Child Development of Government of Maharashtra and UNICEF for protection of child rights



The Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah and member Advocate Nilima Chavan participated in the symposium organised on date 6th August 2023 by the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Honorable High Court at Mumbai, Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Women and Child Development Department of the Government of Maharashtra and UNICEF along with various dignitaries. The Honorable Chairperson of the commission stated that considering the increasing number of incidences of drugs trafficking, identity proof of the purchasers should be procured while selling the narcotic drugs to them.

A decent surroundings should be provided to the children. Everybody should contribute for creating an intrepid and reassuring Maharashtra for Children. All such topics were discussed in the annual symposium of the representatives responsible for children's rights.



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Opening a day care centre through public private partnership in Mumbai city and the suburban area

A meeting was arranged with Smt Aditi Tatkare Honorable Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra on date 10th August 2023 for opening a day care centre through public private partnership in Mumbai city and suburban area. The Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah and Superintendent Smt Madhavi Bhosale (Maharashtra Education Service) attended the meeting on behalf of the Commission. Smt Rubal Agarwal Commissioner for Integrated Child Development Program, Shri Tadv Education Officer of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and many voluntary organizations functioning in the said field were also present for the meeting.





The Chairperson of the Commission Advocate Sushiben Shah was invited as a chief guest at the Gender Sensitization program organized by the Narayanrao Chavan Law College at Nanded on date 22nd August 2023.

She expressed herself on "Rethinking the Age of Victims under POCSO Act" and appealed the future advocates to understand the intricacies of POSCO and Juvenile Justice Laws and their effects on the children in the future.



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A meeting with respect to various matters pertaining to the Women and Child Development Department was organized on date 24th august 2023 at the Finance Department in Mantralaya which was chaired by the Honorable Shri Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra.

During the said meeting the Honorable Deputy Chief Minister assured to extend every cooperation for creation of child friendly Maharashtra state and also directed the concerned to release the grant in aid required for filling up the vacant posts in the commission.



A meeting was arranged with Shri Suraj Mandhre, Education Commissioner, Maharashtra State on date 11th October 2023 at his office in Pune. The commission Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah, and members Advocate Jayashri Palve, Shri Chaitanya Purandare, Legal Adviser Shri Pramod Badgi and superintendent Smt Madhavi Bhosale (Maharashtra Educational Services) were present for the said meeting and discussed the problems faced in the implementation of Right to Education Act and taking suitable steps to ease the procuring the school leaving certificates in case of students in private schools for not paying the fees and engaging the commission and some institutions working in this sector while drafting the ECE guidelines. The members and officials of the Commission as well as the Education Department were present on the occasion.



The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights mandated for implementing the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act vide section 44 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Boards Act 2015 vide section 15 of the same. Incidental to the same, a meeting for division wise reviewing the implementation of the aforesaid Acts was organized for the first time in the state. All the District Women and Children Development Officers, District Child Protection Units, District Special Police unit for protection of Children, Chairperson and Secretary of the Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Board members from all the districts in the concerned division, representatives from voluntary organizations such as Childline, Commissioner and officials from Women and Child Development Department, Commissioner and Superintendent of Police and other senior officials from the Police Department, representatives from the District Legal Services Authority and other individuals functioning in the child rights sector also participated in the meeting.

Konkan Division Review Program :- A review meeting of the Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburbs, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg and Palghar districts included in the Konkan Division was held on date 22nd June 2023 at the historical Old Council Hall Building in Mumbai. Honorable Shri Vidyadhar Kanade, Retired Judge of the High Court at Mumbai as well as the current Lokayukta of Maharashtra State was the chief guest of the said function. Similarly Honorable Shri Deepak Pande the Inspector General of Police for Department for Prevention of Atrocities against Women and Children, Maharashtra State, Commission Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah, Secretary Shri Shivraj Patil (I A S), Commission members Advocate Nilima Chavan, Advocate Jayashri Palve, Advocate Sanjay Sangar, ADvocae Pradnya Khosare, Smt Sayali Palkhedkar, Shri Chaitanya Purandare, Legal Adviser Shri Pramod Badgi and Superintendent Smt Madhavi Bhosale (M E S) and Incumbent Administrative and Accounts Officer Smt Rohini Lade were present for the meeting.





Discussion was held and presentations were made based on the district wise information received under the POSCO and J J Acts. Shri Santosh Shinde of Vidhayak Bharati and Smt Aundri D'mello from Majlis as well the commission members discussed in question answer format with the dignitaries present for the occasion and analysed the information. Similarly the problems cropping up during the implementation of law in the prevailing circumstances. The I J M prepared an information booklet incidental to both the aforesaid Acts which was distributed amongst those present at the meeting .



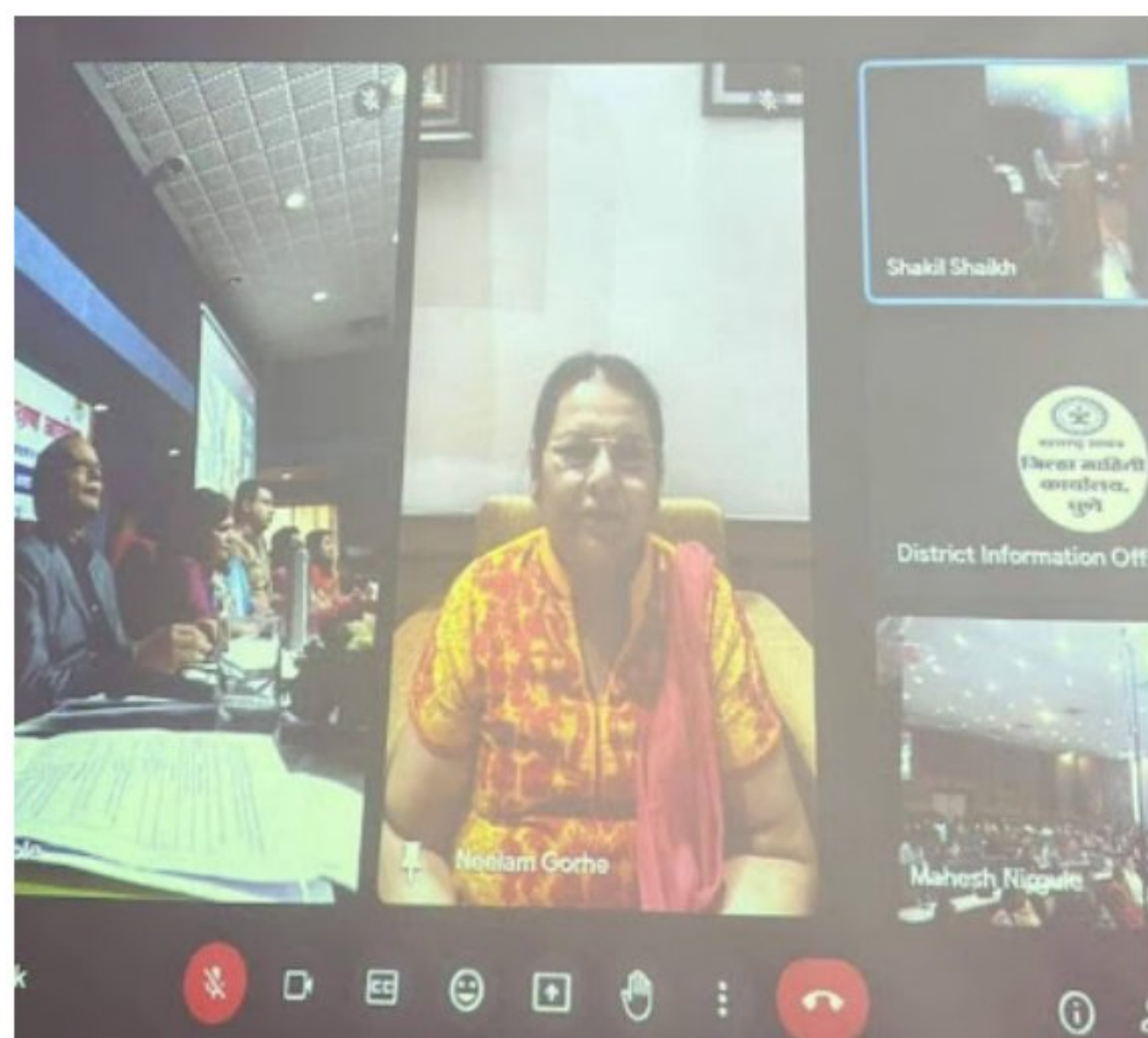
Pune Division Review function



A review program for Pune Solapur, Kolhapur, Satara and Sangli districts in the Pune division was organized on date 30th June 2023 at Yeshwantrao Chavan Academy for Development Administration at Pune. Shri Ankit Goyal (I P S) the Superintendent of Police Pune Rural, Honorable Chief Judge of the District and Sessions Judge Shri Shyam Chandak, Additional Police Commissioner Shri Ramnath Pofale, Deputy Commissioner from Women and Child Welfare Department Shri Rahul More, representatives from District Legal Services Authority, Commission Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah, Secretary Shri Shivraj Patil (I A S), Commission members Advocate Nilima Chavan, Advocate Jayashri Palve, Advocate Sanjay Sangar, Advocate Pradnya Khosare, Smt Sayali Palkhedkar, Shri Chaitanya Purandare, Legal Adviser Shri Pramod Badgi and Superintendent Smt Madhavi Bhosale (M E S) and Incumbent Administrative and Accounts Officer Smt Rohini Lade and Probation Officer Smt Kalpana Khambait were present for the meeting.



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Honorable Smt Neelamtai Gorhe, the Deputy Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council recorded her presence and addressed the meeting online. The said function was organized under the joint auspices of Smt Karoline from Hope for Children and the Commission. Vipra Foundation prepared an informative booklet on Manodhairya scheme and was distributed to the dignitaries present at the function. Smt Audrey D'mello from Majlis as well as the commission members discussed in question answer format with the dignitaries present for the occasion and analysed the information. Similarly the problems cropping up during the implementation of law in the prevailing circumstances.



Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Review Function



The review function for Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Beed, Dharashiv, Jalna, Parbhani, Hingoli, Latur and Nanded Districts in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Division was organized on date 21st August 2023 at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. Women and Child Development Department Commissioner Dr Prashant Narnaware (I A S), Deputy Superintendent of Police Shri Pankaj Kumawat, Divisional Deputy Commissioner of Women and Child Development Department Smt Harsha Deshmukh at Sambhaji Nagar were the chief guest at the function.



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Similarly Commission Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah, Commission members Advocate Nilima Chavan, Advocate Jayashri Palve, Advocate Sanjay Sangar, Advocate Pradnya Khosare, Smt Sayali Palkhedkar, Shri Chaitanya Purandare, Legal Adviser Shri Pramod Badgi and Superintendent Smt Madhavi Bhosale (M E S) and Secretary Shri Shivraj Patil (I A S), were present for the meeting. Smt Audrey D'mello from Majlis as well the commission members discussed in question answer format with the dignitaries present for the occasion and analysed the information. Similarly the problems cropping up during the implementation of law in the prevailing circumstances.



REVIEW FUNCTION OF NASHIK DIVISION



Review program for Nashik, Ahmednagar, Nandurbar, Jalgaon and Dhule districts in the Nashik Division was held on date 5th December 2023 at District Collector office, Nashik. The District Collector Honorable Shri Jalaj Sharma, Nashik Rural Superintendent of Police Honorable Shri Shahji Umap, Ahilya Nagar Superintendent of Police Shri Rakesh Ola and Chief Executive Officer Shri Ashim Mittal were present as chief guests at the function. .

5. Similarly Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Chairperson Advocate Sushiben Shah, as well as members namely Advocate Sanjay Sengar and Smt Sayali Palkhedkar were present on the occasion.



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TRAINING / CAMPS ORGANIZED BY THE COMMISSION :-
G] THE COMMISSION ORGANIZED VARIOUS TRAINING CAMPS
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023

Sr no.	Date	Location	Participating Machinery	Subject	Author	Participant Administrative Machinery
1 .	9th April 2023	Goyanka Law College Akola	Goyanka Law College Akola	Juvenile Justice (Child care and Protection) Act 2015 and POSCO Act 2012	Advocate Sanjay Sangar	Law college students and advocates
2	19th April 2023	Shegaon	Manewar community Akola	Juvenile Justice (Child care and Protection) Act 2015 and POSCO Act 2012	Advocate Sanjay Sangar	For citizens
3	2nd July 2023	Online national webinar by Child Conservation Foundation Indore Madhya Pradesh .	Child Conservation Foundation Indore Madhya Pradesh	POSCO Act	Advocate Sanjay Sangar	Child Welfare Committee Chairpersons, and members in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, Private voluntary organizations & experts in Child protection



Sr no.	Date	Location	Participating Machinery	Subject	Author	Participant Administrative Machinery
4	6th July 2023	Ahemdabad Police	Ma Foundation Ahmedabad	Juvenile Justice (Child care and Protection) Act 2015 and POSCO Act 2012	Advocate Sanjay Sangar	Gujrat Police
5	25th July 2023	Bhusaval	District Women and Child Development Officer and Child Welfare Committee	Juvenile Justice (Child care and Protection) Act 2015 and POSCO Act 2012	Advocate Sanjay Sangar	Police and special Police squad for children



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H] THE MEMORANDUM INDICATING DETAILS OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DISPOSED AND PENDING DURING THE YEAR 2023-24 IS AS FOLLOWS

1	Cases pending at the begining of the year	853
2	New Complain	288
3	Disposed off cases	72
4	Cases pending at the end of the year	1069
5	Total	1141



I.] AUDITOR'S REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 2023- 24

Audit Report for the year 2023-24 :—

The Audit Report is under process and will be submitted separately



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