

## **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights**

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Why is in news? National Commission for Protection of Child Rights celebrating its 18th Foundation Day

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights is celebrating its 18th Foundation Day.

To fully dedicate this occasion to the children, a Quiz was launched by the Commission on the occasion of National Youth Day (Swami Vivekananda Jayanti) on 12th January, 2023 to create awareness among children about child rights and make Child Rights champions through this Quiz.

Wide participation of children has been invited from school students, children living in hostels, children living in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and street children across the country through online and offline mode to participate in the quiz

It is a **platform to empower children for their rights**, where the quiz covers all the topics that are very important for children to know.

## **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights**:

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is a **statutory body** constituted in 2007 under Section 3 of the **Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005** to protect the child rights and other related matters in the Country.

Under the act, a Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group.

It works under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Women & Child Development**.

The Commission's **Mandate is to ensure** that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the **Constitution of India** and also the **UN Convention** on the Rights of the Child.

The Commission is further **mandated to monitor** the proper and effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (**POCSO**) **Act, 2012**; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

In one of the functions laid down under Section 13 of the CPCR Act, 2005, the Commission has been assigned with the function to **examine and review the safeguards provided by or under any law** for the time being in force for the **protection of child rights and recommend measures** for their effective implementation.

The Commission also has the **powers of Civil Court** trying a suit under Section 14 of CPCR Act, 2005 and Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

This commission has a **chairperson and six members** of which **at least two should be women**.

All of them are appointed by Central Government for three years.

The maximum age to serve in commission is 65 years for Chairman and 60 years for members.

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