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**Sub:- Submission of innovations and practices by teachers and SMC Members regarding management of COVID-19 and innovations in the light of school closures.**

The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) is soon launching a journal called "**Children First: Journal on Children's Lives**". The first issue of the Journal has the theme- "**Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of the children**". Considering teachers and SMC members have played a crucial role both in the management of COVID-19 and innovations in the light of school closures, they must be highlighted through the Journal. Thus, DCPCR has requested that the teachers and SMC members may learn about the Journal and may make submissions of their innovations and practices.

The letter of DCPCR containing detailed guidelines for submission of entries for the Journal is enclosed. The last date for submission is 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and submissions may be made at <https://forms.gle/UV2vR2sq9st65WjM7>.

All the Heads of Schools under Directorate of Education, GNCT Delhi are hereby directed to disseminate the above information among all the teachers and SMC members.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above.

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Heads of All Govt. Schools under Directorate of Education through DEL-E.

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Copy to:-

1. PA to Principal Secretary, Education.
2. PA to Director, Education.
3. Chairperson, DCPCR.
4. All RDEs, DDEs (Districts/Zone) for ensuring compliance.
5. System Analyst (MIS) for uploading on MIS.
6. Guard File.

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**Children First: Journal On Children's Lives  
Call for Submissions**

The bi-annual Journal of the [Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights \(DCPCR\)](#), in an aim to deepen the discourse by providing a platform to all people engaging with the rights of children in varied capacities regardless of their nationality and socio-economic backgrounds, is inviting applications for its First Issue.

Theme: *'Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on lives of children'*.

Deadline: 20th February 2021

Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/UV2vR2sq9st65WjM7>

The Journal invites the following on different domains related to children including but not limited to education, health (pregnancy care, immunisation, nutrition), protection (including violence against children child labor, child marriage, trafficking, children in conflict with law, safety issues, alternative care) , disability issues, agency and participation, and adolescent issues:

1. Original research, explicitly or implicitly related to children's rights.

2. Best practices of implementation of policies, schemes, legislations; programmes, implementation mechanisms; administration, access to justice system, and analysis of relevant court's judgments, etc in the field of children's rights.
3. Voices from the Field: These would include submissions which discuss operational challenges, learnings and experiences of practitioners from the field working in the domain of child rights.
4. Critique and commentary on various policies, schemes, legislations, programmes, implementation mechanisms; administration, access to justice system, and analysis of relevant court's judgments, etc which directly or indirectly affect children's rights and lives.
5. Reviews of any existing or recently published books in the field of child rights. In case the book is not explicitly related to children's rights, the reviewer should be able to make a definite, relevant connection to the aforementioned domain for the submission to be acceptable.
6. In exceptional cases, wherein the person(s) interested in featuring their work in the Journal do not themselves engage actively in writing, abstracts or summary of their work can be submitted. If selected, the Editorial Board would speak to people who they deem as a good fit for the issue to understand how best their work can be featured in the Journal.

## **Background**

The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has been constituted under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005. It is the statutory watchdog of the Government of Delhi on matters of child rights. Some of the child rights the Commission works are:

- a. protection of children from exploitation, abuse, labour, trafficking, and violence.
- b. Protection of children from sexual offences;
- c. Protection of children from child marriage;
- d. Right to Education;
- e. Right to Health including the provision of medical assistance and health care to all children with an emphasis on the development of primary health care, pregnancy care, infant care, availability and accessibility of adequate nutritious foods, clean drinking water, immunisation, protection against malnutrition, etc;
- f. Protection of rights of children with special needs;
- g. Protection of children from substance abuse;
- h. Enforcement of legal protections for children in case they commit offences and the necessary safeguards associated therein;
- i. Right to play;

With the Journal, DCPCR aims to build an inclusive, multidisciplinary space for engagement for people regardless of their backgrounds and hence, has opened its

submissions to academicians, practitioners, grassroots workers, activists, and others who engage with the field of child rights.

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 Journal would be single, blind peer-reviewed to uphold transparency and eliminate any kind of biases. This means that only the submission would be shared with the reviewer and not the profile of the authors.

### **General Guidelines**

1. **Word limit** according to the category of submissions:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Maximum Word limit</b>
Original Research	4000
Best practices	2000
Critique/Commentary/Articles	2000
Book review	750
Voices from the ground	2500

2. Authors should ensure that:

- The submitted work is their own and has not been previously published. The Author should not have sent their work to multiple journals/publishers.
- Professional briefs of all authors are to be uploaded separately with the submission in the google form. Each Bio should not be more than 100 words, and should be written in third person. A clear, coloured professional photograph must be included with the bio of each author. For pieces submitted by more than 5 authors, only the first 5 Principal authors should submit their bios with photographs. In case submissions are being made by a particular organization(s), include a 150 words brief about the organization(s) only.
- Their work does not infringe on any rights of others, including **privacy rights and intellectual property rights.**
- The data used in the submission is original and/or the source of the data is clearly identified. In cases wherein the author is using data from other sources, appropriate citations should be included and permissions from owners obtained for the illustrations, tables, figures or lengthy quotations being reproduced in the Journal. **Receipts of such permissions, wherever applicable, should be included with the submissions as an Annexure to the submission.**

- In cases where the submissions stand any **conflicting or competing interest**, each and every such conflict must be clearly stated under a heading titled ‘Declaration of Conflicting Interests’ in the submission.
- Adhere to all **research ethics guidelines** of their discipline, particularly where human or animal subjects are involved.
- In case there is any material error which has been identified, whether prior or subsequent to publication of their work, the Authors must ensure that the Editorial panel is immediately informed about the same.
- The Journal mandates all authors to clearly acknowledge their source of funding in their submission under a separate heading titled **‘Funding’ directly after their ‘Acknowledgements’**.
- **Principal authorship, authorship order, and other publication credits** should be appropriately included, and it must be ensured that all who participated are credited and their consent for publication has been sought.
- An undertaking would be required to be physically/digitally signed and attached with the application to formally accept the **‘Transfer of the Copyright’** as well as provide DCPCR with an exclusive right to publish the submission, if selected.
- In case any other party wishes to reproduce parts/whole of the document, this party would need DCPCR’s consent to reproduce the

material. This undertaking would include that any discrepancies, inaccuracies or lacks in the submission are a responsibility of the author, and no such liability would lie on the Commission or the Journal. The Commission would liberally provide its consent to reproduce parts of the Journal except in cases of commercial purposes.

- All critiques and commentaries need to be supported with evidence, and should not be aimed at a particular individual or a group of individuals because of their political affiliation, faith, or community.
  - Reliable monitoring and evaluation processes (qualitative and/or quantitative), preferably independent, should be incorporated to reduce the possibility of biases when discussing best practices. Discussions of limitations and/or challenges faced in implementation of an initiative/project/policy whose best practices are being submitted are encouraged.
3. No paper shall be accepted after the deadline. Incomplete submissions will not be considered for review.
  4. There is no bar on the number of submissions based on the number of the nationalities, institutions, etc. One submission may have multiple authors within or across geographies, nationalities, institutions, organizations, backgrounds, etc.
  5. Formatting specifications
    - For Headings: Times New Roman, size:13, Bold



- For the main body: Times New Roman, Alignment: Justified, size: 12, spacing: 1.5
  - For Footnotes: Times New Roman, size:10, Spacing: 1.0
  - Margins: 1 inch on all sides.
  - Mention your full name, contact number, postal address and email ID clearly in the paper.
  - The papers may be submitted in English.
  - The papers shall be submitted in Word document (.doc/.docx) format only.
  - The word limit shall include footnotes which would elaborate all sources being cited in MLA (Modern Language Association) format.
  - The manuscript needs to be proofread for proper vocabulary usage, including grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall structure before submission.
6. The author should ensure that they are updated with any correspondence on the Journal website.
7. In case of any queries, the team can be contacted at:  
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This issues with the prior approval of the Editorial Board.

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