# Forum for Promotion of Child Participation (FPCP) Tamilnadu and Puducherry

#### **Universal Periodical Review (UPR) Cycle IV**

#### Recommendations made by children

# Right to survival

- Ensure the basic rights of the children by providing three-time nutritious meal, safe drinking water, proper dwelling to every household and necessary clothing.
- Active functional Primary and sub health centres at every village and block respectively.;
- Ensure the prohibition of illegal scanning to find out and disclose the sex
  of the baby in the mother's womb and those who violate the act to be
  sentenced with severe punishment.
- Sex selective abortions to be stopped 100%.
- Ensure the proper dwellings for the tribal community.
- Ensure the periodical supply of sanitary napkins to all the girl children.
- Changing the caste in the community certificate based on the name of a child to be stopped.
- Local administrative bodies such as village Panjayat, Panjayat Unions and district level administrations to take the responsibility to implement afforestation programme and ensure that every child enjoys the best environment with clean air.
- Ensure that every school has proper playground and the sprots materials
- Nutritious quality noon meal scheme benefitting 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades should include preschool and Hr. Secondary level children also.
- Ensure that the Preschool age children from migrant families get Anganvadi in their place of migration.
- Wholistic development with proper health of every child below five years to be ensured with special care.

- Ensure quality health care services to the expectant and lactating mothers and their babies especially during child birth.
- Government should take the responsibility for creating Proper awareness regarding nutritious values, immune power, vitamin content etc., of colostrum to the mothers and elders that have wrong notions and spread rumours.
- Children should grow under the direct love and care of the Parents and Government should take every measure and develop proper infrastructure for the wellbeing and growth of orphan children.
- Health and police personnel should be given proper education on Child rights and they should strictly follow it in their working environment.

### The Right to Development

- Ensure free, compulsory and quality education to all children who are equal to and below eighteen years.
- Allow the children to play during the games period.
- Ensure the active functional child psychological and pedagogical counselling centre at all schools.
- Discrimination based on the caste and the parents' occupation to be eradicated.
- Ensure the special care and attention by the teachers to the students with learning difficulties and slow learning problems.
- Ensure and assign time for art and craft instructions at every school.
- Teachers shall use full their every skill and full potentials while teachings
- To teach child and human rights at schools.
- Girl children are to be encouraged and given more privileges to participate in sports activities.
- To introduce sex education in schools.

- Government should encourage the children to form special Students' forums.
- Basic and essential needs of the differently able students to be ensured at all schools.
- Posting teachers for teaching science and Mathematics to be ensured.
- Fill the vacant teachers' posts that are vacant for years particularly in rural primary and upper primary schools.
- Teaching Folk art and dance whether in village or town schools or colleges to be introduced and practised.
- Legal provisions to abolish child marriage and child labour systems to be tele costed in popular television channels.
- Ensure free and timely transport facility for the rural children to go to school regularly.
- Provide opportunity for us to learn the lessons by using computers that will help us for clear understanding.
- Do not compel the children unnecessarily to learn extra languages.

## **Right to Protection**

- Physical, sexual and emotional abuses in schools under the banner of discipline to be stopped and monitored carefully.
- Track record on the character of teachers to be investigated during requirement
- Absolute Liquor Prohibition Act must be enforced
- To identify the people who are marketing drugs to children and sentence them with severe punishment
- Establish counselling centres to rehabilitate children that are addicted to drugs
- Government should ensure the safety measures to protect the children

from natural and manmade disasters.

- To ban online games that children are addicted to.
- Ensure extra care and safety for protecting the girl children.
- Product girl children from child marriage and ensure the welfare schemes that will encourage them to continued their studies.
- Ensure special plans and schemes to eliminate the discriminations and disparity shown and provide dignified social environment to the children.
- Ensure every safety measure to protect the girl children from all forms of sexual abuse.
- Deploy special force to identify the industries that employ children and enforce legal action against such firms.
- Government line department officers to take necessary measures for creating awareness to the teachers, parents' common public and child care workers on the evils of child abuse in various forms through street theatres.

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#### **Right to participation**

- Children should have freedom to make decisions without the interference of the adults.
- Ensure children's rights to express their opinion thoughts and act according to their Conscience.
- Disparity and discrimination based on socio, ethnic, economic and religion should not be an obstacle for the participation of children.
- Ensure the rights to form and congregate as children's groups and forums and state should listen to the opinion and thoughts of children.
- Ensure the rights of listen to the voice of the children
- Children should have the freedom for embracing their choice of religion.

- State shall ensure the space for child participation at community and school.
- Existing space at schools for child participation e.g. NCC, Red Cross, NSS, Scouts Etc., to be revitalized to ensure child participation.
- Ensure child participation at school while making plans and decisions.
- Ensure and equip all students eligible for National means cum merit scholarship.