

# **One-day National Level Webinar on The Role of Civil Society Organizations and Media in Promoting Child Rights during Pandemic, in collaboration with West Bengal Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, West Bengal.**

Children are the most vulnerable group in society and yet they are most underrepresented in the media. Even the awareness about them and their issues are minimal in society. Now with the pandemic, the children have been forced to stay indoors for the past few months. The immense mental and psychological pressure on them cannot be fathomed by the civil society. The number of crimes has risen behind closed walls. As media educators, we owe a responsibility towards our future generation. It is in this context that the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Asutosh college organized a One Day National- Level Webinar titled “The Role of Civil Society Organizations and Media in Promoting Child Rights during Pandemic”, on 19 th September (Saturday), 2020, from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm, in collaboration with West Bengal Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, West Bengal, bringing all the stakeholders of the society under a roof.

## ➤ Speakers

- Mrs. Ananya Chakraborti, Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, will speak on “Role of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights during Pandemic”
- Prof. Aparna Khanna, Mental Health Advocate and Media Designer, Associate Professor, Department of Development Communication and Extension, Lady Irwin College (University of Delhi), will speak on ‘Rights of Children: Using interactive tools and strategies for creating awareness amongst children and caregivers during COVID-19
- Ms. Anwasha Banerjee, Assistant Editor, Ei Samay, Winner of Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award 2019, will speak on ‘Role of Media in defending the rights of trafficking survivors and Children’
  
- Mr. Sukanta Chakrabarty, Advocate, High Court, Kolkata will speak on “laws regarding child rights protection in India
- Mr. Rishikant, Activist, Shakti Bahini- an NGO in the field of Anti-human trafficking, will speak on ‘Human Trafficking: How Social Media is putting every child at risk’
- Mr. Abhik Bhattacharya, Group Head, Media Advisory Division, CRY-Child Rights and You, will speak on ‘Importance of following Media Ethics and Etiquettes while reporting on Issues related to Children in the time of COVID-19 Pandemic’

## OUTCOME

This webinar has been a learning experience for all participants on a very pertinent crisis. Child rights and its safeguards have been a serious issue since decades and this webinar has helped many to

understand the different facets of this social issue. Our distinguished guests have given us a vivid pictures on the role of the government in protecting child rights, the speakers also spoke on the mental health of these children and the role of media and its ethics while representing this section of society through their eyes. Activist speakers have also shared his valuable experience on child trafficking and the role of social media in putting this vulnerable group at risk. Overall this webinar has been an overwhelming and enriching experience for all participants of the webinar.



## One-day National Level Webinar

# "THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND MEDIA IN PROMOTING CHILD RIGHTS DURING PANDEMIC"

Saturday, 19th September 2020 | 03.00pm onwards

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"West Bengal Commission for the  
Protection of Child Rights"



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- WhatsApp group link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KffHvPjh9WrFalnMtUMxXd>
- Last date of registration: 19th September 2020 before 12pm



