



National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Government of India



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NCPCR APPEALS TO PARENTS & COMMUNITY LEADERS AGAINST USE OF CHILDREN IN PRACTICES WHICH ENDANGER THEIR LIVES

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has expressed grave concern over the death of a teenaged school girl of Hyderabad while undertaking a sixty eight days fast and has appealed to all parents/ community leaders not to put children in such stressful physical and mental situations, that could lead to severe problems and fatal consequences.

The Commission has cautioned practitioners of such rituals to be aware of such risks and has said that if necessary, it would not hesitate to take strict legal action.

The Appeal of the Commission comes in the backdrop of the report of death of the 13-year old Hyderabad girl in the newspapers recently. The Chairperson and Members of the Commission have felt that forced religious/social practices on children (of 0-18 year age) which is not in their interest, amounts to a violation of Child Rights and attracts penal action.
