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**Symposium on Child Protection and Mental Health by NCPCR on 3rd November, 2017 in
World Congress of Mental Health at Hotel Ashok from 2nd to 5th November, 2017**

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) is a global body that envisions a world in which mental health is a priority for all people. The WFMH founded in 1948 under the aegis of World Health Organization and UNESCO, is the largest global alliance of mental health professionals, national health associations, NGOs, policy experts, and other institutions. Having being previously held at Athens (2009), Capetown (2011), Beunos Aires (2013) and Cairo (2015), it is a matter of pride for India that this most significant biennial global event in the field of mental health is being held here for the first time ever in the SAARC & South East Asian Regions. The recommendations of WFMH World Congress for Mental Health invariably have a global impact.

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) being the highest monitoring body for protection of child rights organised a symposium on **Child Protection and Mental Health** on 3rd November, 2017 (from 1.30 PM to 3.30 PM) as part of World Congress of Mental Health at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. This symposium was chaired by Smt. Stuti Kacker, Chairperson, NCPCR. She delivered her key note address on Child Protection and Mental Health- NCPCR's perspective. Along with Chairperson, NCPCR, Ms. Rupa Kapoor, Member Child Health, NCPCR also gave a brief presentation on NCPCR's initiatives in the area of Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

Presentations were given by Dr. Rajesh Sagar, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS, Dr. Adarsh Kohli, Professor, Clinical Psychology, PGIMER, Chandigarh and Dr. Amit Khanna, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, IHBAS, Delhi. Dr. Sagar focused his presentation on **Child and Adolescent Mental Health- Time to Act**. Dr. Adarsh Kohli spoke on important issue of **Sexual Abuse against Children- not under the carpet anymore!!!**. Dr. Amit Khanna gave his presentation on **Strategies for promotion of positive mental health of children**.

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