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National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
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New Delhi - 110 001



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

F.No.25017/31/2026-27/NCPDR/RTE

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Request for Expression of Interest for design and execution of following Research Studies

1. Study on Impact of Social Media on Education of Children
2. An Ethnographic Study of CwSN Individuals with reference to their Educational Experiences in Schools

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) was established as a statutory body under Section 3 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005, to protect, promote and defend child rights in the country. NCPDR is mandated for monitoring of implementation of laws relating to children such as Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015; Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012; and Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

Grounded in the statutory mandate of the CPCR Act, 2005, the NCPDR recognizes research as an ethical, evidence-based instrument for advancing child rights and informing policy and practice. Section 13 (1) (g) of the Act empowers the Commission to promote, undertake research on issues relating to child rights. The Commission hereby invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the reputed government funded organisation devoted to the espousal of the cause of child rights, for undertaking above mentioned Research Studies

Eligibility criteria and information/document required to be submitted in the EOI are attached herewith. Eligible organizations may submit their EOI along with technical and financial proposal to Member Secretary, NCPDR, 5th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 within 10 days of the date publication of this advertisement.


(V Ramanadha Reddy)

Director, NCPDR

Expression of Interest Document

A. Terms of Reference

Topic 1: Study on Impact of social media on Education of Children

Suggested objectives:

- i. To examine the access and usage of various social media platforms among children
- ii. To assess the impact of social media use on children.
- iii. To suggest remedial measures to be undertaken to minimize the negative impact and maximize the positive impact.
- iv. To document some best practices in schools for a balanced and productive use of social media among students.

Topic 2: An Ethnographic Study of CwSN Individuals with reference to their Educational Experiences in Schools

Suggested Objectives:

- i. To explore the social and cultural meanings of disability within the school environment, including attitudes, stigma, and inclusion practices.
- ii. To understand how teachers, peers, and school systems interact with and accommodate (or fail to accommodate) CWSN students.
- iii. To observe the classroom processes and the participation of CwSN children in learning activities in schools.
- iv. To examine how children with disabilities navigate learning, participation, and identity within mainstream and inclusive schooling.
- v. To generate contextually grounded insights that informs teacher training, curriculum adaptation, and inclusive education policy.



Note: The objectives listed against each study are suggestive and indicative only. The study is not limited to these objectives. Applicant institutions are encouraged to propose additional or refined objectives, research questions, and methodology, along with their rationale, in the technical proposal. The Commission may, at its discretion, finalise the scope of the study in consultation with the selected institution.

B. Budget

The approved budget for each of the aforementioned research studies is ₹20 lakh.

C. Duration of the study

The duration of the research study shall be three months.

D. Eligibility Criteria

Only Government Funded Academic and Research Institutions are eligible to apply for research studies. An applicant institution must fall within one or more of the following categories:

- A Central University established or incorporated by an Act of Parliament.
- An Institution of National Importance so declared by an Act of Parliament (e.g., IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, NITs, IISERs).
- An autonomous research institution/body substantially and recurrently funded by a Central Government Ministry or Department, or by a central funding/apex body such as NCERT.
- A deemed-to-be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, that is substantially financed by the Central Government.
- Any other academic or research institution that receives recurring grant-in-aid from the Central Government as its principal source of funding, evidenced by its latest audited accounts and sanction/grant orders.



E. Submission of the research study report

- a. Upon completion of the research study, the Principal Investigator would prepare and submit a draft report to the Commission.
- b. The cover page of the research project should display the logo of NCPCR.
- c. Principal Investigator may be asked by the Commission to make a power point presentation on the report before the Commission. The observations/ suggestions given during the course of presentation and subsequent discussion may be taken into account in finalizing the report.
- d. The final report of the project will be submitted by the Principal Investigator after incorporating the comments/ suggestions made by the Commission on the draft report.

The reasons for non-acceptance of the comments/ suggestions, if any, should be properly explained to the Commission. Receipt of five hard bound copies of the project report along with a soft copy in 'Word' and 'Readable PDF' format. Utilization Certificate and head-wise statement of expenditure of the total amount spent together with bills/ receipts/ vouchers in original. (See Annexure-III) Statement of the bank account/ ledger account from beginning to end and refund of the amount credited towards interest.

- e. The Principal Investigator/ Institution may be required to send the primary data collected along with the particulars of respondents, if asked by the Commission.
- f. The financial support provided by the Commission shall be duly acknowledged on all documents produced and prominently displayed with a disclaimer as given below:

- i. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** 'This study was carried out with the financial support of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, India, and conducted by _____ (name with address), with _____, as the Principal Investigator.'
- ii. **DISCLAIMER:** 'This research study was sponsored under the Research Scheme of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, India. While due care has been exercised to prepare the report using the data from various sources, NCPCR does not confirm the authenticity of data and accuracy of the methodology to prepare the report. NCPCR shall not be held responsible for



findings or opinions expressed in the document; this responsibility completely rests with the researcher(s).'

F. Intellectual Property, Data Ownership and Confidentiality

- Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all intellectual property in the research report, tools and datasets generated under a commissioned study shall vest in the Commission.
- The research institution shall not publish, present or share findings externally prior to formal clearance by the Commission.
- Raw data containing personally identifiable information of children shall not be shared with any third party and shall be handled strictly in accordance with the data-protection and confidentiality clauses of the contract.
- The Commission may, at its discretion, permit academic publication of anonymised findings with due acknowledgement, subject to prior written approval.

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ANNEXURE-I

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

I. Format for the Technical Proposal

1. **Information about the organization/institution:** 1 -2 pages including name, address, contact information, category of institution, etc.

i. Organizational structure (research facilities, personnel, infrastructure and software)

ii. Name of at least 2 studies/research of similar nature conducted by your organization, for whom, in which year. Submit a synopsis of the two studies.

2. **Description of proposed approach/methodology for the study:** This is the main component of the technical part of the research proposal. Please describe in the following sections:

i. **Introduction/background:** title of the project, origin of the problem, literature review describing current situation, challenges, gaps and good practices, if any in relation to the scope of the study.

ii. **Technical approach and methodology:**

a. Explain your understanding of the objectives of the study;

b. Describe the proposed design/methodology for different aspects of the scope of work; give reason/s for proposing a particular methodology.

iii. **Risk assessment and mitigation measures:** Identify the potential risks, difficulties in carrying out the research and the measures to be adopted to manage the potential risks; also identify potential limitations.

iv. **Proposed organization and staffing for the research:** Indicate the lead person responsible for the research, the different disciplines of the researchers, roles, along with CVs and years of experience in similar research; is proposed staff employee of agency or temporary staff, give details in a table.



v. Deliverables and proposed timeline: Define the end products and give a timeline for the entire scope of work, including review and reporting.

vi. Any other information in support of the proposal which may be helpful in evaluation:

II. Format for Financial Proposal (to be submitted in separate closed envelope)

1. Financial Assistance required:

Items/Heads	Estimated Expenditure

Date and Place:

Name and Signature of the PI



ANNEXURE - II

FORWARDING LETTER

To,

Member Secretary

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights,

5 th Floor, Chanderlok Building,

36, Janpath,

New Delhi -110001.

Dated:

Subject: Proposal for undertaking/ conducting a research study/ project
on _____.

Sir,

I am glad to forward herewith a proposal for undertaking/ conducting a research study on _____ at a total cost of Rs _____. The research study is proposed to be completed over a period of _____ months/ years. Mr./ Ms./ Dr. who is working as _____ in this institution w.e.f. _____ will be the Principal Investigator for this research study.

2. I certify that this institution will provide all the facilities and infrastructure for the completion of the research study and undertake as follows:

(a) The University/ College/ Institution is approved under (Please mention applicable Section/ Act) and is fit to receive grants from the Central/ State Government and other funding agencies.

(b) The organization agrees to abide by all the terms & conditions, guidelines of the scheme, and any subsequent revision/ changes therein.



(c) The study shall be completed within the stipulated period. If the Commission is not satisfied with the progress of the research study, it may terminate the project immediately and ask for the refund.

(e) The Principal Investigator will continue to work in the institution till the completion of the study. In case the Principal Investigator leaves without completing the project, the institution will take full responsibility to complete the project as per the existing terms and conditions.

(f) The institution will take full responsibility for monitoring the progress of the research study, sending progress reports and utilization certificates, etc. in the prescribed formats and ensuring proper and timely implementation.

(g) The institution will take full responsibility to ensure that the Research Study will be original and without any plagiarism.

(h) It is also certified that our institution has not been blacklisted by any authority/Central/State Government etc.

3. It is requested that the research study proposal may be considered favourably for providing financial assistance of Rs._____.

4. Details of documents enclosed are given in the attached Check-list.

Signature

Name of Head of the Institution

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ANNEXURE-III
UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that the amount of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____ only) received from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights under the scheme of support for Research Study titled _____ vide NCPCR letter No. dated _____ has been fully utilized for purpose for which it was sanctioned and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

STATUTORY AUDITOR

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