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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE HIGH COURT OF KERALA



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Message from
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MESSAGE

*"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul
 than the way in which it treats its children"*

-Nelson Mandela

By its judgments in **Sheela Barse v. Secretary, Children Aid Society and Others** [AIR 1987 (SC) 656] and **Sampurna Behura v. Union of India and Others** [(2018) 4 SCC 433], the Apex Court was able to give the much needed impetus to the efforts of the State in making life better for our less fortunate children. The High Court Juvenile Justice Committee is constituted to aid and advise the State in this endeavour. The credit for the work so far done by our JJ Committee is, to a large extent, attributable to the untiring efforts of the wonderful team of officials in the Government and the High Court. It is heartening to note that this team has succeeded in giving shape to the idea of an online 'Newsletter' conceived by the JJ Committee. The 'Newsletter' is intended to be used as a platform for publicising the laudable achievements of the children and for expressing and exchanging the views of different stakeholders. I am sure that the Newsletter will aid the JJ Committee in improving the quality of life of the children and moulding them as future model citizens.


JUSTICE V.G.ARUN

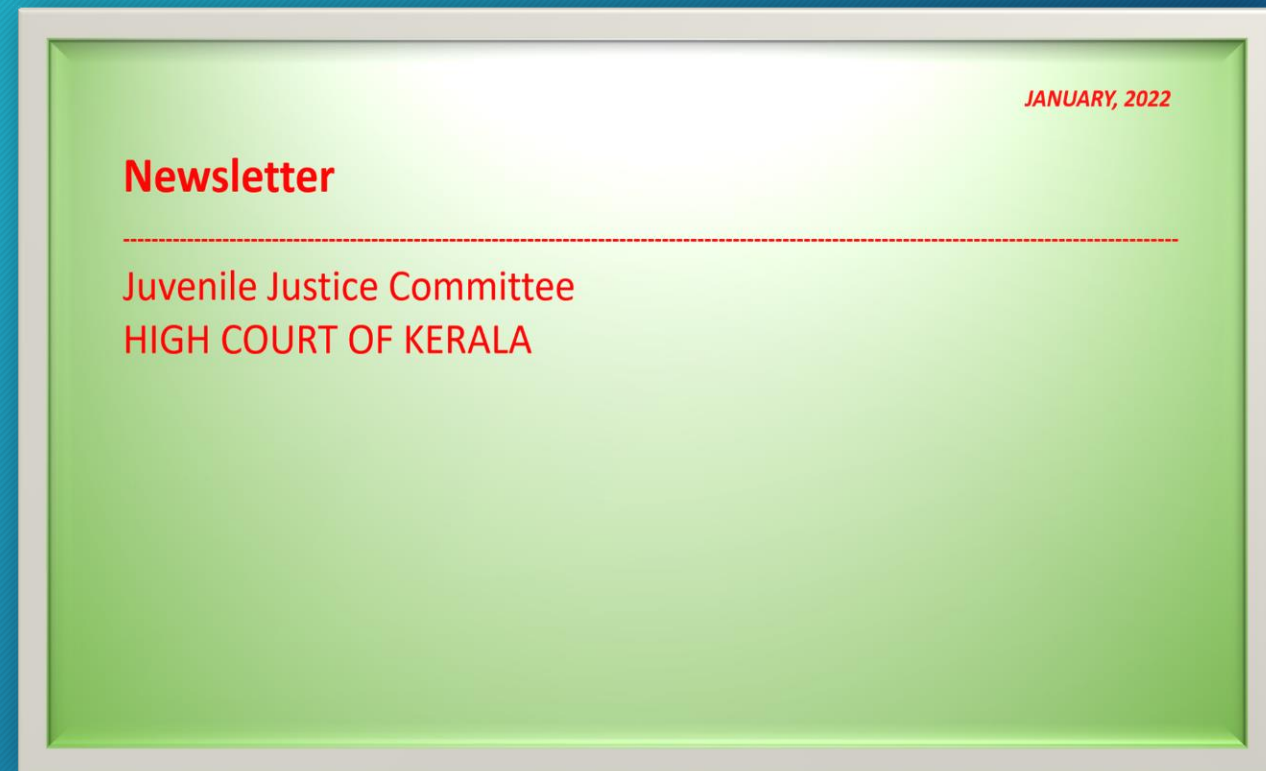
LAUNCH OF E-NEWSLETTER ON 25TH JANUARY, 2022

With a view to providing an insight on the activities of the stakeholders on the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of children) Act, 2015 in the State, the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee felt that a e-newsletter depicting the activities and aims of the Committee needs to be published.

The Honourable Chief Justice of High Court of Kerala, Mr. Justice S.Manikumar, formally released the e-newsletter, online, on 25th January, 2022. The programme was attended by the Members of the Administrative Committee, the Chairman & Members of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee, Special Secretary and other Officers of Social Justice department, Director, W&CD department and President, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association. All Principal District Judges and the Additional District Judges in charge of inspection of the Government run JJ Homes also took part in the online programme.

The inaugural edition of the newsletter included details pertaining to the activities of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee for the year 2020 – 2021, in addition to the following:

- a) Reminiscences of the activities of the JJ Committee
- b) National Level meeting
- c) Inspection of Children's Homes
- d) Virtual inspection by the JJ Committee
- e) CPMIS
(Child Protection Management Information System)
- f) Balanidhi portal
- g) Children's day celebration at Homes
- h) International Day for the Rights of the Child
- i) Art & Craft work by Children in the Homes
- j) Containment of Covid-19 pandemic
- k) Agricultural activities in the Homes.





HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.MANIKUMAR
CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT OF KERALA

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Good afternoon to all of you,

We all know, that the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 was brought into force, replacing the JJ Act of 2000, with the intention of rehabilitation and reintegration of both, children in need of care and protection and children in Conflict with law, by providing them proper care, protection and treatment by catering to their developmental needs and by adopting a child-friendly approach in the adjudication and disposition of matters in their best interests.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court directed that Juvenile Justice Committees be set up in the High Courts in the country to monitor the implementation of the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, in its true spirit.

With a view to strengthen the Juvenile Justice System in the State and to bring about positive changes in the lives of the children, in 2010, the Kerala High Court Juvenile Justice Committee was initially set up as a one-member Committee.

In 2019, in the place of one member Committee, the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee was reconstituted with three member Committee, comprising of a Chairman and two Members.

I am informed that, the Chairman and members of the Juvenile Justice Committee are conducting periodical inspections at the Juvenile Justice Homes across the State, which include Children's Home for Boys & Girls and Observation Homes for Boys & Girls, and are giving various recommendations to improve the living conditions of children.

Besides, the Judges of POCSO Courts in the State are also entrusted with a duty to conduct periodical inspection of the Children's Homes in the respective Districts and to submit reports to the High Court JJ Committee.

The Juvenile Justice Committee in the High Court works hand-in-hand with the stakeholders viz., Women & Child Development Department, the Police Department, the Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, KeLSA, Kerala Judicial Academy etc., in addressing the issues concerning the welfare and well-being of children in need of care and protection as well as children in conflict with law.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the State Government, particularly the Women & Child Development Department, for giving all assistance to the Children's Homes functioning in the State.

I am very glad to note that, the Children's Homes in the State provide a congenial atmosphere to the inmates. The facilities arranged for online classes, sports and recreation facilities, exposure to arts and creative skills, library, well maintained buildings and premises, farming activities etc. in almost all the Homes in the State reveal the well-being of the children.

I am delighted to know that the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee has decided to publish a quarterly Newsletter. I am also happy to know that for the protection of the child rights, the Committee is exploring all possible avenues at all levels. The Newsletter will not only promote Juvenile Justice but also ensure that the constitutional rights available to children are well observed by all concerned.

I earnestly hope and trust that the Newsletter will provide an insight to the public, to clearly understand the various activities undertaken by the Government and the Committee to ensure the welfare of the children.

With immense pleasure, I formally release the e-Newsletter of the Kerala High Court Juvenile Justice Committee.

While congratulating the Chairman and members of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court, I once again wish the Committee the very best in all its future endeavours. Let the Kerala High Court Juvenile Justice Committee be a role model to our nation.

Before concluding, I may quote the words of Nelson Mandela. I quote: "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children".

Thank you all.

HIGH COURT JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAJI.P.CHALY
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CHAIRMAN, HIGH COURT JUVENILE
JUSTICE COMMITTEE



HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN
JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF KERALA
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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.G.ARUN
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAJI.P,CHALY
(CHAIRMAN, HIGH COURT JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE)

Good afternoon,

The High Court Juvenile Justice Committee, as you are all aware, has been set up to monitor and oversee the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 in its true letter and spirit. The Honourable Supreme Court, in its landmark judgment in Sampurna Behura v. Union of India & others., had also reiterated the need for setting up a Juvenile Justice Committee in all the High Courts.

At the time when I had taken charge as the Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee of this Court, it was a one-member Committee. Our Chief Justice who is keenly interested in the activities of this Committee, had been closely monitoring the activities of the Committee and His Lordship felt that the Committee needs to be expanded and now, we have a 3-member Committee with my sister Judge Smt. Anu Sivaraman and brother Judge Sri. V.G.Arun as Members. They, as the team members, have given whole-hearted support in carrying out the functions assigned to the Committee.

The High Court Juvenile Justice Committee, had been physically inspecting the Juvenile Justice Homes across the State till the outbreak of the pandemic. Keeping in mind that welfare of the children should not take a backseat in such circumstances, we, as a team, have been conducting virtual inspections of the JJ Homes in an effort to cater to the needs of the children in such unprecedented times and to ensure that the best interests of the children are taken care of. Besides these, the Committee also deliberated on issues which were brought to our notice by other State functionaries like the Child Welfare Committees and the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

At this point, I take the opportunity to acknowledge and extend our appreciation, on behalf of my team, to the Social Justice Department and the Women & Child Development Department of the Government and to all the other stakeholders, for their unrelenting support in all activities of the Committee. These Departments have been taking every possible effort in addressing the issues that have come to our notice, be it in the area of repatriation of children or monitoring the emotional and psychological well being of the children in our JJ Homes.

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The Committee felt that an e-newsletter, like the one which is being launched today, shall be an apt way of showcasing the coordinated efforts of all involved. The Committee believes that the e-newsletter will throw light on the activities of the Committee as well as its stakeholders in the implementation of the JJ Act by the Government. The Member Secretary of the Juvenile Justice Committee, Mrs. Sujatha and her team had been in the forefront, tirelessly working towards making this idea come true. At this point, the Committee acknowledges the effort put in by the Staff of the High Court in compiling this work.

I look forward to working with my team in better and more effective ways in achieving the goals laid down by the JJ Act. I wish success to all stakeholders who have been working in earnest along with this Committee.

Thank you.

Activities of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee during the 1st quarter of 2022 (1-01-2022 to 31-03-2022)

The activities of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee for the year 2022 began with the virtual inspection of Government run JJ Homes in Kozhikode on 10-01-2022 by Honourable Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman, Member, High Court Juvenile Justice Committee. The inspection was co-ordinated by the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kozhikode. Her Ladyship interacted with the staff and inmates of the Home. Consequently, the requirements and issues of the Home that were gathered during the inspection were considered by the Committee and the Government was addressed in this regard.

The inaugural edition of the e-newsletter of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee was officially released by the Honourable the Chief Justice Mr. Justice S. Manikumar in online mode on 25-01-2022. The members of the Administrative Committee and the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court, Principal Secretary, Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala and President, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association, District Judges and Additional District Judges inspecting the Homes across the State also took part in the programme.

District wise virtual inspection of all Government run JJ Homes across the State was also conducted by the Juvenile Justice Committee. The series began on 04-02-2022 and concluded on 28-02-2022. The Director, Women & Child Development Department, Additional District Judges of respective districts, District Child Protection Officers and Superintendents of all Homes took part in the virtual inspections.

The Juvenile Justice Committee also had a meeting with the Member Secretary, Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KeLSA) on 02-03-2022, specifically to consider the request of an inmate of the JJ Home to release him on bail on personal bond.

Roundup of activities of High Court Juvenile Justice Committee during the 4th quarter of 2021 (1-10-2021 to 31-12-2021)

Zone-wise virtual inspection of Government run JJ Homes were conducted by the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee on 27-09-2021, 30-09-2021 and 05-10-2021. The Director, Women & Child Development Department and staff of the Homes took part in the meeting.

The High Court Juvenile Justice Committee also took part in an interactive session with the children of the Homes, under the aegis of Kerala State Legal Services Authority on 22-10-2021, as part of the OUTREACH Programme.

In a virtual meeting held on 09-12-2021, the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee interacted with the District Judges and the Additional District Judges in the State, who were in charge of conducting the monthly inspection of the Government run JJ Homes. During the interactive meeting, the Judicial Officers detailed the functioning of the Homes and the issues and requirements of these institutions.

Following this, a joint meeting of the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee with the officials of Government departments and other stakeholders was also held on 17-12-2021.

A two-day national level meeting of the Chairpersons of the Juvenile Justice Committees of High Courts and other stakeholders through video-conferencing was organised by the Honourable Supreme Court on 18th and 19th December, 2021 to “Review the working of Juvenile Justice Institutions”. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee & Judge, Supreme Court of India. In the meeting, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji.P.Chaly, Chairman, Juvenile Justice Committee & Judge, High Court of Kerala conducted a presentation on the topic “Monitoring mechanism for children in need of care and protection/children in conflict with law during COVID-19 pandemic”, which featured the programmes and activities in the CCIs by the Juvenile Justice Committee and the Government of all States during the Covid-19 pandemic.

NATIONAL LEVEL MEETING HELD ON 18TH AND 19TH DECEMBER, 2021

A two-day meeting was convened by the Juvenile Justice Committee, Supreme Court of India with the Chairpersons of Juvenile Justice Committees of High Courts and other Stakeholders, on 18th and 19th December, 2021 through Video Conferencing, to “Review the working of Juvenile Justice Institutions”. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee & Judge, Supreme Court of India. The topics of discussion included Deinstitutionalisation of children whose both parents come under poor economical background, Mental Health impact on Sexually abused child, Rehabilitation of children in conflict with Law, Monitoring mechanism for children in need of care and protection and those in conflict with law, Capacity building of trainers in the field mental health of children and adolescents and for evaluation of Juveniles in conflict with law etc. Several eminent personalities like Ms. Soledad Herero, Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF, India, Sri. Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Sri. Indeevar Pandey, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Dr. Sekhar Seshadri, Professor, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS apart from the Chairpersons of Juvenile Justice Committees of different High Courts spoke on the occasion.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji P Chaly, Chairman, Juvenile Justice Committee & Judge, High Court of Kerala conducted a presentation on the topic “**Monitoring mechanism for children in need of care and protection/children in conflict with law during COVID-19 pandemic**”. The following programmes/activities by the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee and Government in the CCIs during the Covid-19 pandemic were stated in brief:

- 1) Precautions taken in CCIs by the Government during the pandemic, since March, 2020 with an emphasis on the emotional and educational support provided to children in CCIs.
- 2) “LOGIN to SARGALAYAM”, a programme organized to nurture the creative minds of the children in the Homes.
- 3) SARGAVASANTHAM (Mental and psychosocial support to children in the context of Covid) which was a psycho social support program rolled out with the help of UNICEF during the COVID-19.
- 4) Deinstitutionalisation, which was one of the major landmark activities during the COVID period.

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His Lordship also pointed out the Good Practices initiated during the Covid pandemic which included:

- 1) Parenting Clinics and parenting campaign
- 2) E-learning Portal
- 3) Child Protection Management Information system (CPMIS)
- 4) District Resource Centres
- 5) Introduction of agricultural practices, pet rearing, aquaculture etc., with the active involvement of the children as part of making the Homes more child-friendly.

Monitoring mechanism for children in need of care and protection/ children in conflict with law during COVID-19 pandemic



Child Care Institutions in the State

- Gov. Children's Homes : 16
- Gov. Observation Homes : 8
- Gov. Special Homes : 2
- Gov. Place of Safety : 1

- JJ Registered Homes : 739
- NGO Homes : 697
- Govt Homes : 27
- SAA : 15

- No of children in NGOs : 8120
- No of Children in Government Institutions : 411

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Good Practices initiated during COVID

1. Parenting Clinics and parenting campaign-Towards better parenting in this challenging scenario

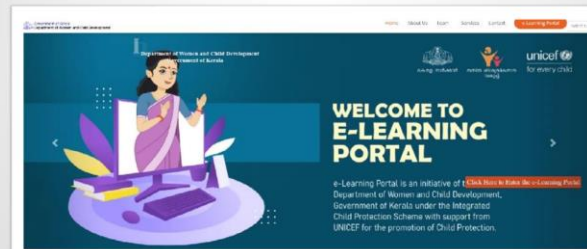
- First of its kind initiative as part of the parenting campaign initiated by the State, to guide parents on better parenting, especially in the case of Children at risk
- Aims to prevent violence against children and to increase awareness among parents on responsible and positive parenting
- The 158 clinics provides Scientific guidance and counselling to parents on issues related to parenting
- 6233 parents and 5876 children were given counselling services till Nov 30th since its inception on 07th Feb 21



Good Practices Continued...

2. E learning Portal- To ensure that capacity building is not affected due to the restrictions

- Established an online Learning Management System for child protection functionaries with the support of UNICEF
- Initiated in the context of lockdown to provide continuous learning opportunity through an online platform like the online courses offered by various universities.



Good Practices Continued...

3. Child Protection Management Information system- With enhanced features

- Established Online reporting system on child protection
- Information captured online right from when the child comes into contact with the child protection system till they leave the system
- Real time data



Good Practices Continued...

4. District Resource Centres-Referral points to handle all child related issues

- Repository of all experts-Psychologists, psychiatrists, special educators, parenting experts, translators, counsellors
- All the cases coming from public, police, schools etc which need referral are handled here



Good Practices Continued...

5. Child Friendly CCIs-When the children were confined due to COVID

- Initiated measures to make all Govt. CCIs child friendly
- An assessment team constituted to assess the current situation in all the CCIs
- College of Architecture, Trivandrum roped in to develop child friendly plans for CCIs



Child friendly JJ homes- Agriculture

With the help of agriculture department, different vegetables and fruit plants are planted in government JJ Institutions. Children in these institutions are participating in planting activities. Pet rearing, aquaculture also promoted.



DISTRICT WISE VIRTUAL INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE CHAIRMAN
AND MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COURT JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

(FROM 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022 TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 2022)

Due to the surge in the pandemic, the inspection of the Homes by the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee was conducted online. The Committee resolved to divide the 13 districts among them in order to conduct a detailed inspection. Thus, the inspection was done in a phased manner as per the schedule below. These were attended by the Director, W&CD department, District Judges in charge of inspection of the Homes, State level officials of ICPS, Superintendents of the respective Homes and the representatives of PWD.

The premises/surroundings and the interiors of the Homes were virtually inspected and necessary instructions were issued by the Judges. The agricultural activities in the Homes were also reviewed. The Judges also interacted with the inmates of the Homes and the art & craft work by the inmates was highly appreciated. The Superintendents were instructed to ensure that steps are taken to showcase the artistic and creative talents of the children.

During the interactions, the need for collective efforts from all the ends to make the life of the children in the Homes a brighter and happier one, was reiterated.

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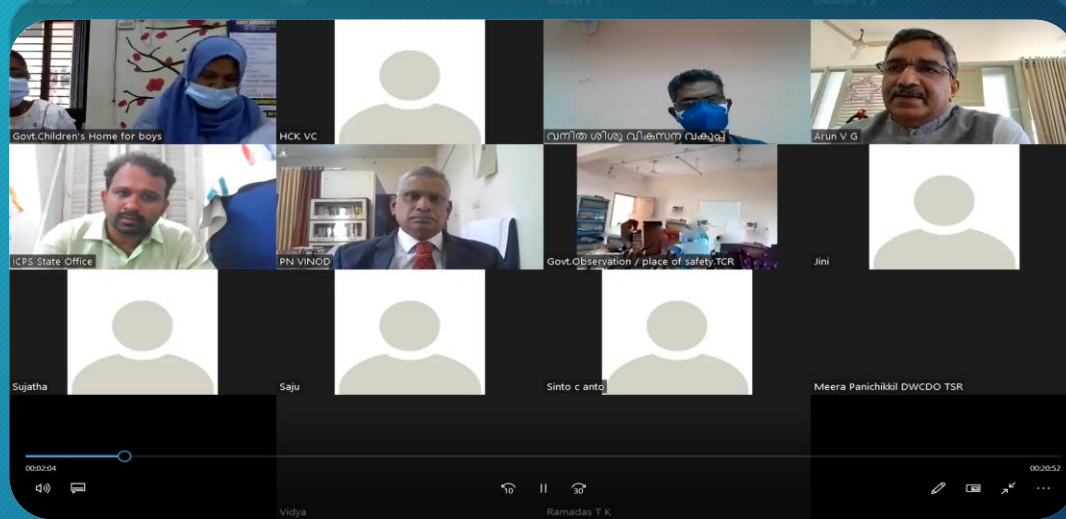
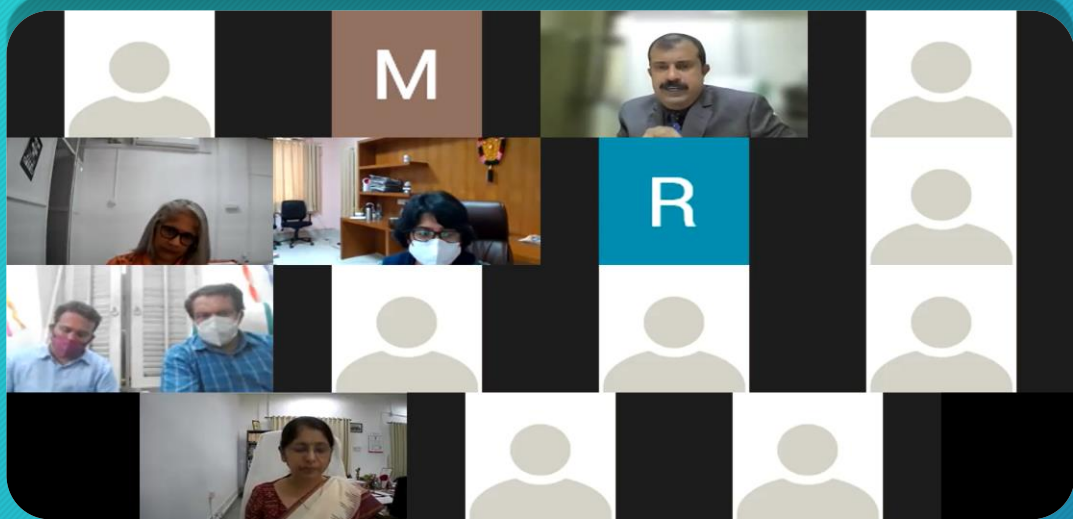
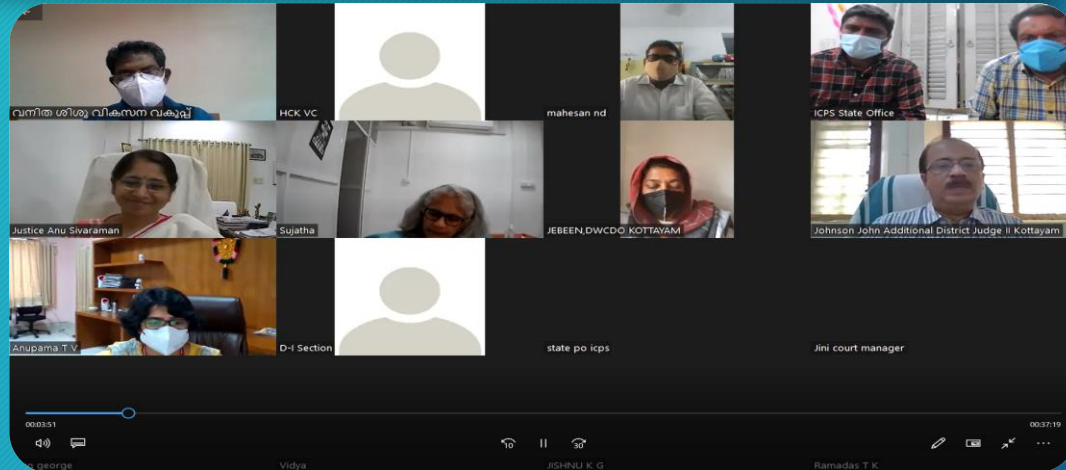
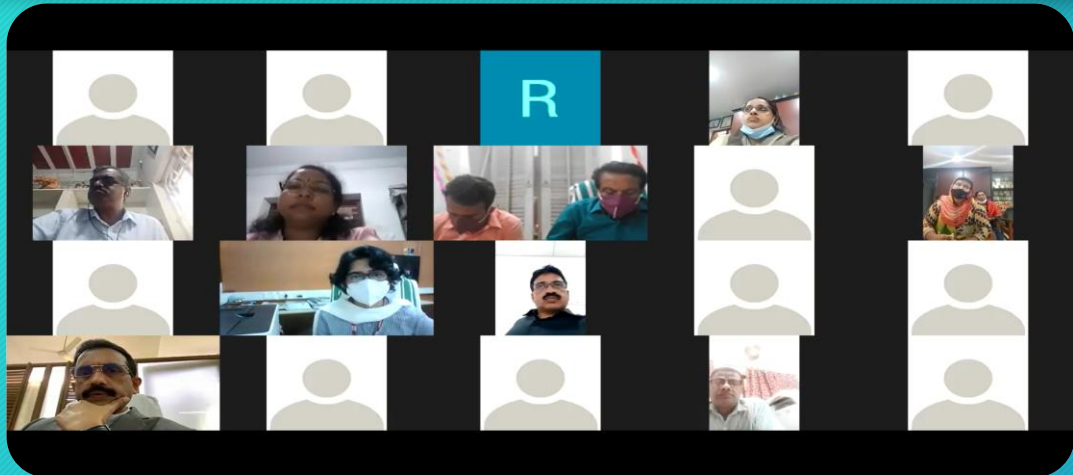
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7 Kannur by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji P.Chaly (Chairman, JJ Committee)	8 Palakkad by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji P.Chaly (Chairman, JJ Committee)	9 Ernakulam by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji P.Chaly (Chairman, JJ Committee)	10 Kozhikode by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji P.Chaly (Chairman, JJ Committee)	11	12
13	14 Malappuram by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman (Member, JJ Committee)	15 Kottayam by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman (Member, JJ Committee)	16 Alappuzha by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman (Member, JJ Committee)	17	18 Pathanamthitta by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman (Member, JJ Committee)	19
20	21 Kollam by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman (Member, JJ Committee)	22 Wayanad by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Anu Sivaraman (Member, JJ Committee)	23	24	25 Thrissur by Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.G.Arun (Member, JJ Committee)	26
27	28 Thiruvananthapuram by Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.G.Arun (Member, JJ Committee)					

SCHEDULE
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REPORT BY W&CD DEPARTMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Creative Activities in Child Care Institutions

- An amount of Rs. 30,000/ allotted every month to Govt. CCIs for Arts, Sports and Yoga training
- State organised a contest for CCIs, titled “LOGIN TO SARGALAYAM” to creatively engage the children during lockdown
- Physical Exercises, Magic, Painting and Drawing, Flower and Vegetable gardening, Short videos, Knowing the nature, Quiz competitions, Cookery contests, Wealth out of Waste were part of “Login to Sargalayam”
- Video and print documentation done to consolidate activities during lock down
- Quiz competition has been conducted for children in CCIs in collaboration with Doordarshan Kendra in connection with children's day 2021

REPORT BY W&CD DEPARTMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Sargavasantham (Mental and psychosocial support to children in the context of Covid)

- Developed and rolled out a psycho social support program to children who are caught up in homes owing to Covid-19, with the support of UNICEF.
- Titled '*Sargavasantham*' the program reached out to around 10 lakh children by engaging them constructively through creative activities, arts and crafts.
- Organized online camps based on a detailed module prepared with expert inputs.

After Care Programme

- Aftercare Programme implemented with the support of UNICEF and Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust.
- The services are being provided in all Govt. CCIs and After-Care Homes.
- The key interventions are tool based aptitude assessment, develop of individual care plan, individual care plan administration, soft skill, vocational and job readiness training, placements.
- This accelerated placement even during COVID.

REPORT BY W&CD DEPARTMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Deinstitutionalisation

According to Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 Section 3(xii) general (principles of juvenile justice), a child should be placed in institutional care as a step of last resort after making a reasonable enquiry. In the view of lock down declared by Govt., around 16,980 children residing in CCI's, out of 20,000, have been joined to their homes and only around 5049 children still live in the CCI's. In the context of re-admission of Children sent home from CCIs owing to COVID 19, a G.O regarding deinstitutionalization home study vide GO (Rt) No. 207/2020/SJD dated 23/05/2020. Further a circular (No: SJD-E1/108/2020 dated 08/06/2020) based on the aforementioned G.O was issued detailing the guidelines of deinstitutionalization home study. Besides, a video conference was held on 09/06/2020 chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Health, Women and Child & Social Justice with all the Chairmen of CWC to clarify doubts and concerns regarding the process.

REPORT BY W&CD DEPARTMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Deinstitutionalisation

As per the GO. (Rt) NO. 254/2020/SJD Dated 19/06/2020, Government was pleased to accord administrative sanction for implementing the de-institutionalization project for children below 18 years of age in CCIs of all the 14 districts of the state for the year 2020-21 for an amount of Rs. 9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs only).

- The Govt. with the support of UNICEF developed a five year action plan for Deinstitutionalisation
- A pilot project launched with the support of UNICEF, based on the 5 year plan in the districts of Trivandrum, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam
- The project focuses on family strengthening activities to targeting parents/ guardians and through convergence
- It is being ensured that the children who could successfully be restored to family care safely during COVID, continue to be under family care
- Necessary orders issued to CWC, DCPU to prevent re-institutionalisation post COVID

FUTURE ACTIVITIES PLANNED/PROPOSED BY W&CD DEPARTMENT

Deinstitutionalising Children in CCIs

According to Juvenile Justice Act 40 (1,2), the primary responsibility of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) is rehabilitation of the child. CCIs are to provide a family background for these children, temporarily or permanently. By restoration and protection of a child, the law means that these children can be rehabilitated with their parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, parents, or fit person. For any child, a family atmosphere is ideal for the proper growth of that child. The family provides a platform for a child to express his or her thoughts and feelings and to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. The child's behavior reflects the knowledge and value gained through it. The family atmosphere matures the child to grow into a good citizen. Therefore, it is important for children to have a family atmosphere of some kind. However, there is a situation where institutions are backtracking on these responsibilities. It is unfortunate that most of the institutions registered under the Juvenile Justice Act are unconcerned to the rehabilitation of children. It is also a fact that most children living in childcare institutions have got parents.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES PLANNED/PROPOSED BY W&CD DEPARTMENT

Further, on the preventive side, it is critical to ensure that the children who need care and protection in the community are identified early and proper care and support is given to prevent these children entering CCIs. Intersectoral coordination and activating community level protection mechanisms are crucial in this juncture. Family Strengthening Services (FSS) here plays a key role in sustaining and nurturing the child. To address the above two challenges the department decides to roll out the 5-year action plan on alternative care. This is in line with the strategy document prepared by UNICEF for the department on Alternative Child Care.

Objectives

- To reunite at least 10% of children staying in CCIs (around 8000 children are staying in CCIs as on 10th January, 2022) with the family by preparing the family to accommodate the children through the coordination of various departments by 31st Dec 2022
- To identify 1500 most vulnerable children and provide supportive care in families thus preventing them from institutional care
- Prepare parents / guardians through various family strengthening programmes

FUTURE ACTIVITIES PLANNED/PROPOSED BY W&CD DEPARTMENT

Proposed activities

- Develop parenting education materials and SBCC tools around family strengthening systems
- Empower functionaries around strengthening family systems
- Provide training on writing effective and quality SIRs, ICPs report and CWC orders for its quality assurance
- Social investigation of selected children's families and psychosocial evaluation through school counselors/DCPU
- Rehabilitation and follow up
- Vulnerability mapping
- Empower children on child rights
- Create family handholding plan for families where parents are declared incapacitated or unfit to look after children
- The project will be implemented in all the districts in 2022

FUTURE ACTIVITIES PLANNED/PROPOSED BY W&CD DEPARTMENT

Mobile application for parents, children and child protection functionaries on child protection

Women and child development department under the Integrated Child Protection Service is developing a comprehensive mobile app for parents as well as children to access multifarious information related to child protection and child rights. Apart from the awareness and information, response and reporting services will also be incorporated in the Application. The application could be used by the Children, Parents, teachers and the general public.

Progress so far

- An expert consultation has been held to decide on the contents and topics to be included in the application
- An agency has been hired through Kerala Start Up Mission to develop the application
- CDIT has been hired to develop the creatives for the App
- A content editing team has been hired to edit the contents for the App
- A prototype of the application has been developed
- The app is undergoing security auditing and will be ready to launch by April 2022 once this process is complete

FUTURE ACTIVITIES PLANNED/PROPOSED BY W&CD DEPARTMENT

Aftercare Program

- Department has planning to implement Aftercare program in 14 districts in the state. The working group has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 54,41,865/- for the implementation of Aftercare program in all districts in the state.

KAVAL Plus

- Is an innovative program developed and implemented by department of women and child development dept to provide biopsychosocial care to children in need of care and protection to ensure community based rehabilitation. This strengthen the deinstitutionalization programs of department

Digital Buddha

- Digital Buddha, a web development company has started working collaboratively with the Integrated Child Protection Scheme for better data management. The main initiative is to launch a web portal that could be accessed across the 14 districts wherein they can enter, cumulate, and generate reports on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, and bi-annually basis.

BOOK CHALLENGE BY KeLSA – A REPORT

As a part of the Pan India Legal Awareness and Outreach Campaign (02-10-2021 to 14-11-2021), the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, KeLSA, Chairman and the Members of the Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Kerala had an online interactive session with the inmates of children's Homes in the State. There, the children of different homes raised several demands such as playground, football and gadgets for attending online class etc. Some of them pointed about lack of reading materials and demanded library. We could provide football, gadgets and also arranged playground at Children's home, Calicut.

Then as suggested by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, KeLSA introduced a novel project "Book Challenge" for setting up libraries in Children's Homes. District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) and Taluk Legal Services Committees (TLSCs) have collected books donated by the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court, Judicial officers, Lawyers, Writers, Publishers, Staff and other good hearted people.



BOOK CHALLENGE BY KeLSA – A REPORT

KeLSA could collect more than 25,000 books and set up library in all the children's homes in the State. The State level inauguration was done by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Manikumar, Chief Justice and Patron in chief of KeLSA in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran, Executive Chairman, KeLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shaji P. Chaly, Chairman, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Kerala, Shri. K. Gopalakrishna Kurup, Advocate General, Smt. Rani George, IAS, Secretary, Women & Child Development Department and other dignitaries on 28.02.2022.



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*The Secretariat of the JJ Committee was established as per the observations in the landmark Judgement, **Sampurna Behura v. Union of India and others**, to assist the JJ Committee in discharging its duties for effective implementation of the JJ Act which envisages that children who are victims of circumstances are provided care and protection and those who are in conflict with law are properly rehabilitated, adopting a child friendly approach, instead of punishing them as adults. The Secretariat has been functioning under the able guidance and support of the Chairman and Members of the Committee and has been regularly organising meetings with the stakeholders like the Social Justice Department, Women and Child Development Department, Public Works Department etc., on the directions of the JJ Committee, in order to coordinate and follow up the functioning of the various institutions coming under the purview of the Act.*

I assumed charge as Member Secretary in July, 2021. I consider it my privilege to have been heading the Secretariat during the launch of the e-newsletter. What is attempted through this is to present the activities of the JJ Committee and also to showcase the artistic and creative talents of the children. It is also the intention of the e-newsletter to impress upon the public, the necessity to donate to the Balanidhi portal developed by the WCD Department, so that these institutions do not run on a shoestring budget, because "every drop counts". I wish this endeavour all success.

Thank you.

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LIST
OF
GOVERNMENT
RUN
JJ HOMES



Sl No.	District	No. of Govt. run JJ Homes	Name of JJ Institution	CH for Boys	CH for Girls	OH for Boys	OH for Girls	Place of Safety	Special Home
1	Thiruvananthapuram	3	Government Children's Home (Boys), Poojappura Government Observation Home (Boys), Poojappura Government Special Home for Boys, Poojappura	1	-	1	-	-	1
2	Kollam	2	Government Children's Home (Boys), Kollam Government Observation Home (Boys), Kollam	1	-	1	-	-	-
3	Pathanamthitta	1	Government Children's Home (Boys), Vayalathala	1	-	-	-	-	-
4	Alappuzha	3	Government Children's Home (Boys), Nooranadu Government Observation Home (Boys), Mayithara Government Children's Home (Girls), Mayithara	1	1	1	-	-	-
5	Kottayam	2	Government Children's Home (Boys), Thiruvanchoor Government Observation Home (Boys), Thiruvanchoor	1	-	1	-	-	-
6	Idukki	nil	nil	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Ernakulam	2	Government Observation Home (Boys), Kakkanad Government Children's Home (Girls), Kakkanad	-	1	1	-	-	-
8	Thrissur	3	Government Children's Home (Boys), Ramavarmapuram Government Observation Home(Boys), Ramavarmapuram Government Place of Safety, Ramavarmapuram	1	-	1	-	1	-
9	Palakkad	1	Government Children's Home (Boys), Muttikulengara	1	-	-	-	-	-
10	Malappuram	1	Government Children's Home (Boys), Thavanur	1	-	-	-	-	-
11	Kozhikode	5	Government Children's Home for Boys, Vellimadukunnu Government Observation Home (Boys), Vellimadukunnu Government Children's Home for Girls, Vellimadukunnu Government Observation Home (Girls), Vellimadukunnu Government Special Home for Girls, Vellimadukunnu	1	1	1	1	-	1
12	Wayanad	1	Government Children's Home (Boys), Kaniyambetta	1	-	-	-	-	-
13	Kannur	2	Government Children's Home for Boys, Cherakkara Government Children's Home for Girls, Cherakkara	1	1	-	-	-	-
14	Kasaragod	1	Government Children's Home (Boys), Paravanadukkam	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	27		12	4	7	1	1	2

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