



NCPCR Chief Demands UN Probe in Bihar Madrasas

Why in News?

Recently, the [National Commission for Protection of Child Rights \(NCPCR\)](#) chairman raised serious concerns over the "radical" curriculum in government-funded madrasas of Bihar and the enrolment of Hindu children in these schools.

Key Points

- The chairman criticised the [United Nations Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)](#) for its role in developing this curriculum for madrasas.
 - He also called on the [United Nations](#) to investigate these activities and urged that the **Madrasa Board be dissolved**.
 - Many books included in the curriculum of these madrasas are published in **Pakistan** and research on their content is ongoing.
- The use of funds for activities outside the scope of the [Right to Education \(RTE\) Act, 2009](#) constitutes a violation of both the [Indian Constitution](#) and the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(UNCRC\)](#).

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

- NCPCR is a **statutory body set up in March 2007 under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005**.
- It is under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Women & Child Development**.
- The Commission's mandate is to **ensure that all laws, policies, programs, and administrative mechanisms are in consonance with the child rights perspective** as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- It **inquiries into complaints relating to a child's right to free and compulsory education under the Right to Education Act, 2009**.
- It monitors the implementation of the [Protection of Children from Sexual Offences \(POCSO\) Act, 2012](#).

Convention on the Rights of the Child

- It is a treaty **adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989**.
- It recognises a child as every human being under 18 years old.
- It sets out the **civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child**, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.
 - It includes rights such as Right to Education, Right to Rest and Leisure, Right to Protection from Mental or Physical Abuse including Rape and Sexual Exploitation.
- It is the **world's most widely ratified human rights treaty**.

