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## Child rights to be taught in school

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The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has thought of an innovative way of making children aware of their rights. Children will now be educated about their rights and the laws protecting them in their classrooms.

Since children are least likely to be aware of their rights and the laws meant to protect them, the NCPCR has written to the district collectors to ensure articles from the United Nations Convention on Child Rights are read out in every class, and morning assemblies, at least twice a week. The commission wants the move to begin from November 14, Children's Day,

to make the day meaningful for them.

Besides schools, the NCPCR wants hostels, orphanages, juvenile observation homes, children's homes and shelter homes etc also to take up this activity. "Despite having certain rights and laws, children never complain against the atrocities or the humiliation they face. They are simply not aware about what to do and where to go in

### What kids must know

**No child** should be treated unfairly on any basis

**They have** the right to give their opinion

**They have** the right to be protected from being hurt

and mistreated

**They have** the right to special education and care if they have a disability so that they can live a full life

such situations. Hence, it is important to let them know of articles, laws and issues related to their rights so that they can stand up and speak against atrocities," said a member of NCPCR.

Accordingly, children will be told about their rights in schools and at home. They will be informed that they have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated in body or mind.