TrackChild2.0: National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children

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OBJECTIVES

- To ensure proper care and development of the children of the Child Care Institutions
- To set up a framework for participating organizations involved in the process
- To ensure ultimate repatriation and rehabilitation of the missing children
- Track Child 2.0 provides a platform for multi-sectoral intervention where citizens, Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), ICPS bodies, Police & CCIs may participate for providing better care and protection of the children in distress.

MAJOR FEATURES OF THE PORTAL

The key features of TrackChild2.0 portal includes:

- Integrated virtual space for all stakeholders
- National database of missing/found children
- Search & match mechanism to recover the missing children and reintegrate with their families
- Resource directories of Police Stations, Child Care Institutions, ICPS Bodies & Functionaries such as Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPUs), Child Welfare Officers etc.
- Mobile & desktop versions
- Automated Progress Report Generation (Physical/Financial) for Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

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"Trackchild application developed by the NIC team has been an excellent initiative to create a database of such missing children. I am happy to see that ‘TrackChild 2.0’ (www.trackthemissingchild.gov.in) initiative of NIC – West Bengal has really come a long way to meet the requirements of various stakeholders who are working closely to recover missing/trafficked children and reintegrate them with their families.

It’s noteworthy that all Police Stations, Child Care Institutions, Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards, State CID/Crime Branches, Anti Human Trafficking Units of the country can now take part in the process of finding the missing children and to reintegrate them with their parents through the TrackChild 2.0 platform. All District Collectors and Superintendent of Police can also keep a close watch of the situation through the portal as well as through SMS services."

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Various MIS report for senior authorities
Emergency helpline & awareness generation

**E-SERVICES**

TrackChild portal provides an integrated virtual space for all stakeholders & ICPS bodies which includes Central Project Support Unit (CPSU), State Child Protection Society/Units and District Child Protection Units (DCPU), Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Police Stations, Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs), etc. in the 35 State/UTs. It requires data entry and updating at various levels such as Police stations, Child Care Institutions (CCIs)/Homes, Shelters, Child Welfare Committees, and Juvenile Justice Boards etc.

- **Police**
  - Online reporting system for missing/found cases
  - SMS/e-Alerts from citizens or other stakeholders
  - Search missing/found children
  - Matching mechanism between missing and found children
  - Use online MIS

- **Citizens**
  - Built-in workflow for Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTU) of state & districts
  - Online Supreme Court Guidelines and Investigation checklist
  - Mobile application
  - **WCD (CCI, CWC, JJB etc.)**
    - Maintains e-File for every child at Child Care Institutions (CCI)
    - Maintains and monitors health progress and care plan for Child Care Institutions
    - Track infrastructural details of every CCI
    - Mechanism to match children at CCI with missing ones
    - Automated Progress Report generation (Physical/Financial) for Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

- **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

TrackChild1.0 system was conferred Skoch Digital Inclusion Award 2013. The system has also won CSI-NIHLIENT e-Governance Award 2013.

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