

**‘CHILDREN’S PARTICIPATION IN EVERY LIVES’
WORKSHOP HELD**

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Amidst growing concern of child abuse and several crimes against children, the Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights engaged in a programme to strengthen the children’s right to participation and empower them.

A workshop on “*Children’s Participation in Everyday Lives*” was held at Kiran Niketan School Hall, Zuarinagar in collaboration with Child Rights in Action and Kiran Niketan. The workshop forms significant and novel idea of the Commission to promote and strengthen children’s right to participation.

Speaking on the occasion *Peter F. Borges, Chairperson, Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights* said, We need to shift children’s participation from mere tokenism to citizenship. Children have the right to express their views and to have those views considered, according to their age and understanding. Everyone, including public bodies and organisations that work with children have a responsibility to respect that right. Children know what is best and what makes them happy. When they are involved, they can make a difference – for themselves and for their communities, He added.

Addressing the workshop, Aditi Salkar, Psychotherapist said, Children are citizens of our country which is why it is need to educate them about their rights.

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