

PROTOCOL OF THE MAKKALA PANCHAYATS



IN KARNATAKA

If you are committed to children's rights...

If you aim to empower children to participate in local governance...

If you believe that children are 'Citizens Today'...

then 'Protocol of the Makkala Panchayats' is a publication you must have!

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The Makkala Panchayat in Karnataka is an elected body of children, the first structure of its kind, which came into existence in 1995. It actively nurtures and formalises the participation of children in development and governance. It is set up to solve the problems they face in their area, with a special focus on the problems of marginalised children, children with disabilities and girl children through their organised participation. It provides a platform for children to take part in decision-making processes based on democratic principles.

The Makkala Panchayats in Karnataka have had many successes. They have managed to tackle a variety of problems that range from problems including infrastructural shortcomings to complex social issues such as child marriage and alcohol addiction. The members of the Makkala Panchayats, through their Task Forces and Grama Sabhas, have evolved effective partnerships with their local governments in several areas. Recently its members have been actively involved in the development of the official five-year plans of their Panchayats.

Over the years, the members of Makkala Panchayats have developed their own protocol. This protocol has been drafted by the members of the Makkala Panchayat, all of who are children between the ages of 6 - 18.

It consists of rules related to elections, procedures for holding their meetings at both the ward-level and the village-level as well as procedures for conducting Makkala Panchayat Grama Sabhas. It contains guidelines regarding their reservation policy, criteria for the selection of a President and the term of the Makkala Panchayat. Equally importantly it provides a framework for children to monitor their own elected members, their Makkala Mitra (Children's Friend) and the functioning of their Gram Panchayat.

For the first time, this protocol is available in English with an overview about Makkala Panchayats - in a format that can be easily understood both by adults and children.

For all children who wish to set up similar structures and to partner with their local governments and for all adults who are committed to facilitate them, this document is sure to be a very valuable reference.

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