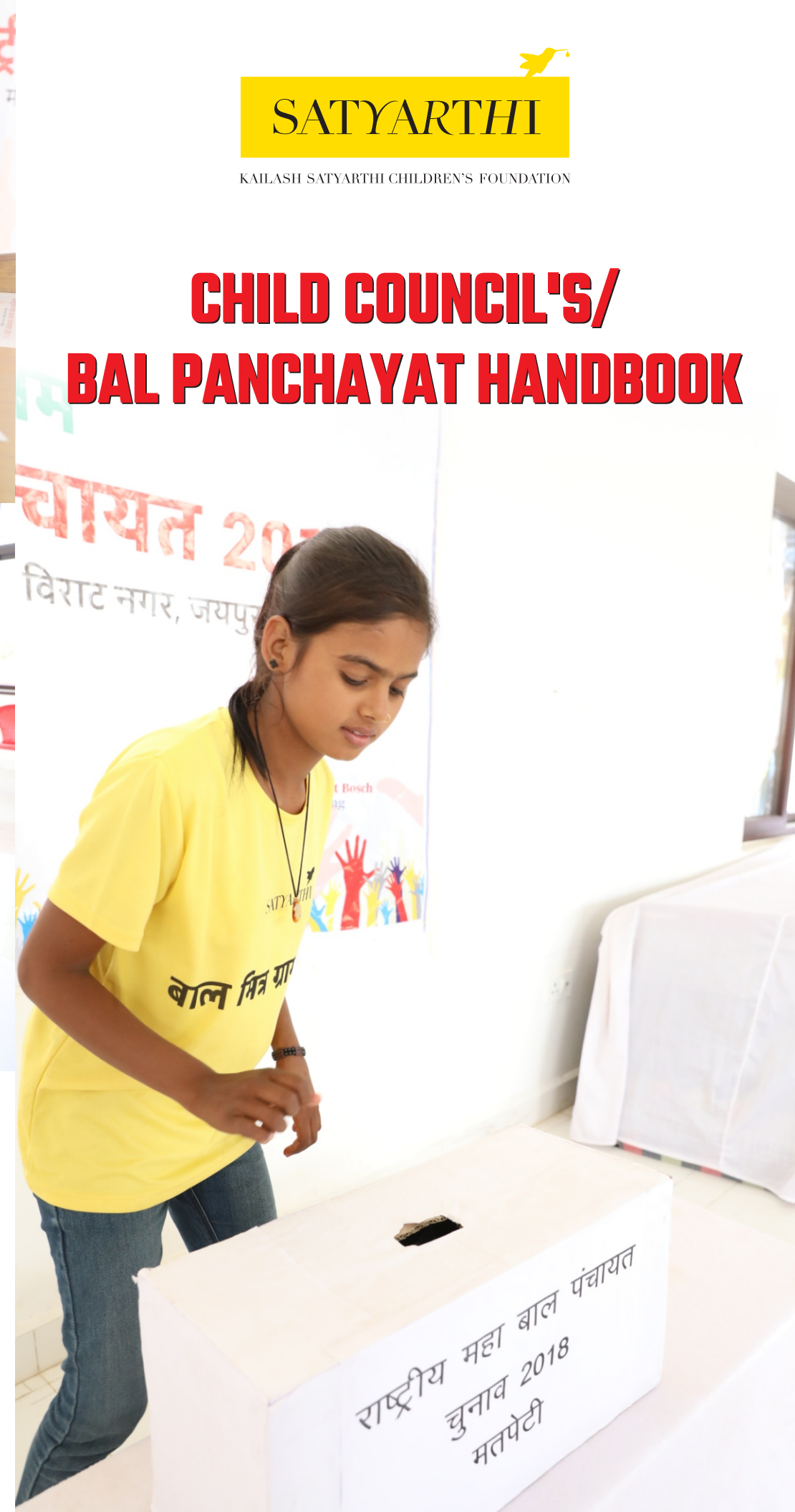


Every moment is important,  
Every child is important,  
Every childhood is important,  
In a child friendly society  
every child is safe, free,  
healthy and educated

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# CHILD COUNCIL'S/ BAL PANCHAYAT HANDBOOK



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## Child Council Children's Democracy

To develop a participatory democracy with the participation of children in which the children have to introduce electoral democracy in the process of development of the village / circle, by which the elected child leader, along with child rights, caste, discrimination of female and male, to become an active voice of questions like communalism. The child council will be chosen with the participation and consent of the local council / Residents Welfare Association.

**Period of Bal Panchayat:** Election of each Bal Panchayat to be completed at the end of the year

**Bal Panchayat Election Commission:** For election of the officials of Bal Panchayat

The following will be the members of the Bal Panchayat Commission

1. Village/community head, Sarpanch (head), councilor, head of resident welfare association
2. Village/community council's member, two members of residents welfare association
3. Mahila Shakti Mandal
4. Yuva Shakti Mandal
5. Two members of coordination committee one male and one female
  - The members of the Bal Panchayat Election Commission will be elected with everyone's consent by the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation.
  - Bal Panchayat Election Commission will announce about election result and nomination
  - Bal Panchayat will follow election code of conduct

**Children's voter list:** Officers and Community program workers of Bal Mitra Gram / Bal Mitra Mandal will make the list of children in the age group of 6 to 18 years based on household survey data. The voting process will be completed based on the list. On the basis of the child voter list, the child voter slip will reach the home of every voter one day before the election.

**Number of members of Bal Panchayat:** 11 member of Bal Mitra Gram / Bal Mitra Mandal will participate in Children's election. Child parliament election commission will announce election and declare election result

**Bal Panchayat Election Material:** Printed ballot paper for election of Bal Panchayat, with election symbol will be provided. Every Bal Sarpanch candidate will make a declaration form and will use the photocopy for campaigning. No printed material will be used for campaign. Pla card will be handmade. Children's election will be made fair and transparent by conducting meetings and door to door to campaign. Bal Panchayat Election Commission will bear all expenses of the candidate.

## Election process of Bal Panchayat:

1. On the basis of the child voter list, 11 Bal Sarpanch candidates will be elected with the consensus of all Children Election Commission will announce result the election of Bal Panchayat election.
2. Half of Bal Sarpanch candidates will be girls in Bal Panchayat elections Election of Bal Panchayat will be held in five days.

**Day 1:** Announcement of 11 contestants witnesses of Bal Panchayat

**Day 2:** Announcement of commencement of Election

**Day 3:** Election Campaign and Broadcasting

**Day 4:** Election and Result

**Day 5:** Oath taking ceremony

3. Whosoever gets the highest number of votes out of all 11 nominated children's will become the Sarpanch Those getting less than that vote will be elected as Deputy sarpanch / Deputy head and other 6 Education, sports, cultural, security, health, environment ministers respectively. The other 3 elected will be executive members of the Bal Panchayat
4. All elected Bal Panchayat members will be provided with the certificate and Identity card which will be valid till the commencement of next Bal Panchayat election

## The Role and responsibilities of the Child Council's member

1. Children council will get the recognition from their village parliament/resident welfare association
2. Child council will help in putting children back to school in the age group of 6 to 14 of their respective community/village and will make sure that children from 14 to 18 years of age are also going to school
3. To create awareness in their respective community/village related to children's issues like child labour, child trafficking child, begging, child marriage, child sexual abuse, health and education
4. Every month the meeting of all Child Council will take place in relation to past challenges and new challenges for which the child council can write letter to the local authorities
5. The head of child council and one more member will be entitled to become the member of the Bal Mitra Mandal/Child friendly community's working committee's member. Then opinions will be heard on priority and the work shall be done
6. Bal Panchayat/Child Council's member will take care of the activities related Health, Environment, Sanitation, Culture and Social aspects in their respective communities

7. Bal Panchayat/Child Council's member will also participate in all social, cultural, education and leadership enabling activities at local, state and central level
8. Bal Panchayat/Child Council's member will discuss and put across their demand to local authorities in relation to children's safety, education and other issues
9. All the activities of Bal Panchayat/Child Council's will be documented
10. Bal Panchayat/Child Council's children can publish children's newspaper

## Child Friendly Village/ Child Friendly Community

