

## At Delhi juvenile home, rats in kitchen & toilets without doors

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*Summary: Running a children's home is not easy," Kumar said. He also rubbished claims of physical torture. "A lot more documents are still required to find out what exactly happened and why children run away from the home," said Anurag Kundu, DCPCR member. The DCPCR team asked about the absence of hand sanitisers at the toilets. "They would be referred to a counsellor as children need to first trust you to open up completely," he said. We found rats in the kitchen, and the sink where potatoes were being washed was worse than a toilet," he said.*

NEW DELHI: Rat-infested kitchens dirty toilets with no doors or soap, and complaints of physical torture were some of the shocks that a team from Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights received when it visited a juvenile home in Jahangirpuri on Saturday. The team inspected Prayas Children's Home for Boys from which some children had fled recently. DCPCR had received reports of drug

and sexual abuse."A lot more documents are still required to find out what exactly happened and why children run away from the home," said Anurag Kundu, DCPCR member. Others in the team were Jyoti Rathi and Roop Vimal.Kundu said though there have been allegations of sodomy at the home, the children the team spoke to didn't want to speak about it , *As Reported By TOI.*

According to the Newspaper,"They would be referred to a counsellor as children need to first trust you to open up completely," he said. "Some children were very clear that they don't want to live in the house and one child alleged that the coordinator and staff engage in drugs and tobacco on campus," Kundu said.He said that there must be an unaddressed problem behind the running away of children. "One allegation was of the utterly bad quality of food and it is absolutely correct.