

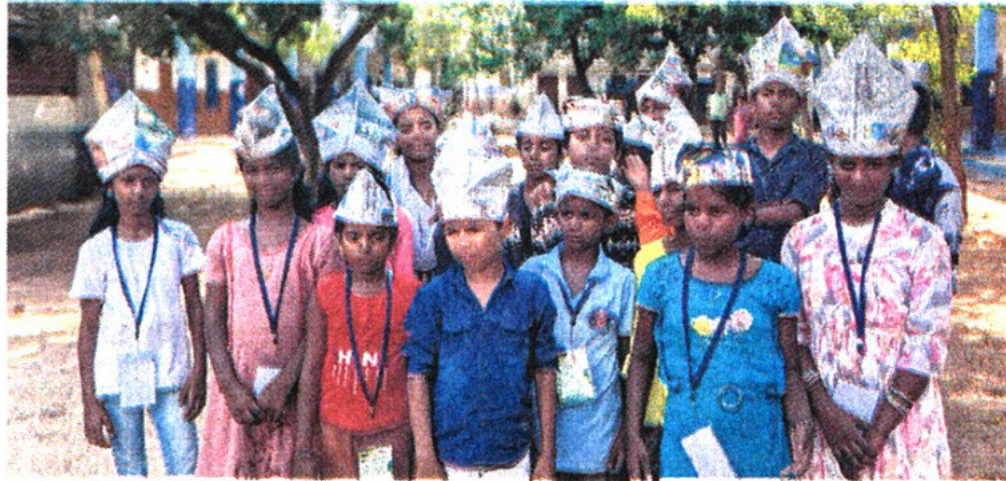
## Camp for kids of extra judicial killing victims begins

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MANONMANI Trust, a NGO, is holding a summer camp for children of victims of extra judicial killings from April 27 to May 4.

The camp is being held in a private school in G Kallupatti in Theni district.

Speaking to *TNIE*, event co-ordinator N Jayaraman said, "The death of a parent significantly impacts a child, this is severe on children whose parents die in extra judicial killings or encounters. They will be in severe stress and their mind set is different. They will be in mental trauma, and could suffer emotional, behavioral,



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and academic difficulties. We have identified around 117 children who have these issues. They are participating in the camp."

The children are split into

six age groups (10-16 years).

Among them are children of police torture victims, kin of extra-judicial killings, children from de-notified tribal communities, and children of those

killed in encounter in Tirupati forest by Andhra Pradesh police.

He added, "The primary purpose of the camp is to improve the mental makeup of these children. We try to make the children mingle with others. This helps them to eliminate grief, distress, and behavioral changes like withdrawal or difficulty."

The programmes include Silambam, Oliyattam, besides puppet shows, story telling sessions, origami etc. Besides, participants are given opportunity to showcase talent like singing, writing poems etc, Children who benefitted from earlier camps also interact with the participants.