

Who can participate ?

Academicians, NGOs, Child right activists, Government Representatives and NGOs.

Registration Fee :

Participants : Rs. 500/-

Research Scholars and students : Rs. 200/-

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The Registration fee should be remitted by demand draft drawn in favour of **Director, National Seminar on Child Protection, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion of Inclusive Policy, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, payable at Visakhapatnam.**

Last date for payment of registration fee :
25th February, 2012

Call for papers :

Papers are invited from participants on any of the themes mentioned in the thrust areas.

Mode of presentations :

Resource persons will be invited to make presentations on key themes followed by presentations by paper presenters. The duration of presentation for selected papers will be for 15 minutes.

Guidelines for paper presenters :

- ◆ Abstract not exceeding 300 words typed on MS Word format with title, name of author (s) and affiliation along with the DD should reach the Director of the Seminar by an e-mail attachment and the hard copy by **25th February, 2012.**
- ◆ Full papers not exceeding 5000 words, following the APA style, may be submitted (in MS Word) on CD suitable for Windows and two hard copies of the full paper may be sent latest by **05th March, 2012.**
- ◆ A committee will review the abstracts submitted and acceptance will be communicated to the authors subsequently.
- ◆ The selected papers will be published in an edited book.
- ◆ The authors are requested to send their abstracts and full papers to the following e-mail : aucsseip@yahoo.com

Travel and Accommodation :

Sleeper class fare will be given to participants whose paper is accepted for presentation. However, the participants are requested to seek sponsorship of their institutions for their travel. Moderate accommodation and local hospitality will be provided to outstation participants.

In case of multi authors only one author will be paid travel charges.

Travel arrangements :

The participants are advised to make their own travel arrangements.

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**CHILD PROTECTION
CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES**

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The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, funded by UGC started functioning in 2007 and since then has embarked on critical research, teaching, extension activities, sensitization programmes and knowledge dissemination on the issues of social exclusion and inclusive policies.

CHILD PROTECTION : CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES

The future and strength of the nation lies in a healthy, protected, educated and well-developed child population that will grow up to be productive citizens of the country. India is a home to almost 19% of the world's children. More than one third of the country's population i.e. around 440 million is below 18 years. Child protection involves keeping these children safe from the risk of harm caused by sexual, physical and emotional abuse or neglect. It can be achieved by providing a safe, open and honest environment not only for the children but also for those people who are working for them.

Article 15 of the Indian Constitution lays that special attention be bestowed on children through necessary and special laws and policies that safeguard their rights. The right to equality, protection of life and personal liberty and the right against exploitation are enshrined in different Articles of the Indian Constitution. The concern for children has also been expressed in various International Conventions and standards on child protection including the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) 1989, the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (The Beijing rules) 1985, and the UN Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty 1990. The Government of India ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in 1992. The UNCRC outlines the fundamental rights of children, including the right to be protected from economic exploitation and harmful work, from all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse; be it physical or psychological.

Child abuse and neglect is one of the major issues relating to child protection and can take place in the context of family, school, community or at a place of work. It occurs when a child is exposed to harm, usually as a result of failure on the part of a parent, caregiver or an employer or even state, either intentionally or unintentionally to ensure a reasonable standard of care and protection. Violation of child's protection damages children physically,

emotionally and behaviorally which can lead to short-term and also long-term consequences to the individual, family and the community of the children. These effects also vary by gender. Empirical evidence shows that girls are the worst victims of such consequences.

Children's vulnerability is evident from the continued presence of at risk groups such as street and working children, children subject to trafficking, victims of abuse, children from families at risk, children who are abandoned, missing, destitute, orphaned, mentally ill, HIV/AIDS infected and affected, children who are engaged in substance abuse, affected by conflict, war and disasters, etc.,. Protection of children is therefore ensured by realizing the rights of these children through provision of a range of services and interventions. Simultaneously, bringing changes in the attitudes and values will effectively mediate the impact of the services provided and interventions made. Therefore, realizing their rights for care and protection continues to be an important measure to be taken up for child protection in India. This has also been evident from research studies and reports of the government and other agencies.

One of the earliest policy documents in relation to children formulated by the Government of India is the National Policy for Children (NPC) in 1974. It considered children as a supremely important asset of our country. Of late, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India launched a scheme called the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), to ensure the overall development of children who are in need of care and protection as well as children in conflict with law. ICPS aims to create a protective environment for children through strengthening of institutional structures, capacity building of caretakers, drafting of appropriate legislations, and convergence of existing child protection laws such as the Juvenile Justice Act and the Child Labour Act.

This umbrella scheme will provide various kinds of support including emergency outreach services, shelter, foster-care, special homes, website for missing children and innovative interventions. It will benefit the children especially destitute and street children, children of beggars and sex workers, those living in slums and in other difficult circumstances. The Ministry has undertaken an initiative to promote government partnership with civil society actors and international organizations

to address the issue of child protection in a holistic manner.

The existing mechanisms for child protection in India primarily flow from the provisions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and National Plan of Action for Children 2005. These comprise several programmes and schemes implemented by different ministries and departments addressing child protection issues among which are: Programme for Juvenile Justice, Integrated Programme for Street Children, CHILDLINE Service, Shishu Greh Scheme, Scheme for working Children in Need of Care and Protection, Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working mothers, Pilot Project to Combat the Trafficking of Women and Children, Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), National Child Labour Project (NCLP) etc. An elaborate mechanism to implement these services had also been envisaged to protect rights of children. Now, there is a need to critically review the working and impact of these programmes and the filling of gaps in the services, if needed. In this backdrop, this National Seminar is conceived with the following objectives:

- ♦ To identify the areas of child protection and vulnerable groups, and document their situation
- ♦ To discuss child issues in relation to child rights and evaluate the existing child protection mechanisms
- ♦ To propose innovative policies and programmes, and,
- ♦ To formulate the role of child rights activists and Non Governmental organizations in protecting child rights.

THRUST AREAS :

- ♦ Child abuse in family and work context
- ♦ Child protection at family / community
- ♦ Child labour
- ♦ Street and Neglected children
- ♦ Child protection in international perspective
- ♦ Rights based perspective towards child protection
- ♦ Review of Govt Policies and Programmes for children
- ♦ Children affected by war, disaster, conflict etc
- ♦ Children infected with / affected by HIV/AIDS
- ♦ Implication of gender for child protection
- ♦ Corporal punishment in schools
- ♦ Child protection / Legal provisions
- ♦ Role of child right activists / NGOs.
- ♦ Child protection : role of civil society organizations

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(Dates : 16th & 17th March, 2012)

Registration Form

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2. Designation : _____
3. Institutional Affiliation (Organization/ Department): _____
4. Mailing Address : _____
5. E-mail ID : _____
6. Phone No: Off. : _____
Res.: _____
Mobile : _____
7. Title of the paper : _____
8. Audio Visual Equipment needed LCD/ Overhead Projector : _____
9. Accommodation : Needed / Not needed
10. Arrival
Date : _____ Time : _____ Name of the train/flight : _____
11. Departure :
Date : _____ Time : _____ Name of the train/flight : _____
12. Particulars of Registration Fee :
DD No : _____ Date: _____
Issuing Bank _____

Signature of the participant

Date :