

National Seminar on Prevention of Violence against Children: Challenges and Opportunities

Venue

**Department of Social Work,
Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum (West Bengal)**

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The nation's children are supremely important assets. Their nurture and care are our responsibility. Children's programme should find a prominent part in our national plans for the development of human resources, so that our children grow up to be robust citizens. They need to be physically fit, mentally alert and morally healthy, endowed with the skills and motivation needed by modern society. The Preamble of the National Policy for Children adopted by the Government of India in August' 1974 sums up the national importance of investment in child welfare for ensuring proper environment and facilities for all children in the country to grow and develop into respected citizens of tomorrow that is still being implemented.

Violence against children is a deep-rooted social problem in India. The problem is related to economic as well as cultural beliefs and practices. There are a number of definitions of violence used depending upon the focus and approach taken towards it. UN Study on Violence against Children (2006) definition of violence draws on Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child that all forms of physical or mental violence, injury and abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse. Generally, the offences committed against children or the crimes in which children are the victims are considered as violence against children. Indian Penal Code (IPC) and various protective and preventive special and local laws specifically mention the offences wherein children are victims. The age of child varies as per the definition given in the concerned Protection of Children Act, 2000. Therefore an offence committed on a victim under the age of 18 years is construed as violence against children for the purpose of analysis. A total of 89,423 cases of violence against children were reported in the country during 2014 as compared to 58,224 cases during 2013, showing an increase of 53.6%. Madhya Pradesh accounted for 16.9% of total crimes committed against children reported in the country. The next in order was Uttar Pradesh (16.6%), Delhi (10.5%) and Maharashtra (9.1%). The nation develops many preventive laws and care mechanism such as

homes, school for special and needy child etc. But the above situation depicted the urgency in preventive structure to control violence against children. The entire policies, law enforcement and institutional intervention need to be modified and also requires to instrument new plan of action.

Objectives

- To disseminate knowledge and ideas to actualize the situation and prevent violence against children in India.
- To share different models and approaches that has strengthened the protection mechanism.
- To perceive the role of social workers in dealing with this particular issue.

About the Organizers:

The Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati is the oldest and a premiere institute of Social Work in eastern India. It has followed the footsteps, philosophy and ideals of Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore. It is the first institute in India to introduce Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) in 1963 and Master of Social Work (MSW) in 1977. The Ph.D. Degree is also being offered by the Department. The Department is also running various projects under the guidance of faculty members funded by UGC, Government Departments and other Civil Society organizations. Seventeen faculty members and three academic support staff with enriching and profound academic excellence are continuously striving to maintain quality education and research.

This seminar will deliberate on the ideas of Prevention of Violence against Children: Challenges and Opportunities Ahead. The sub-themes for this conference are as follows:-

Sub-Themes:

1. Child Rights and Protection.
2. Legislation related to Children.
3. Child Sexual Abuse.
4. Child Trafficking.
5. Street Children.
6. Child Labour.
7. Migration and Children.
8. CSR and Child welfare.
9. Schemes and Programmes relating to Child Rights and Protection.
10. Social Work and Child Welfare.
11. Any related topic.

Call for papers:

The participants are invited to present their papers on the above-mentioned theme and sub-themes through oral presentation.

Abstracts (within 350 words) and full papers (within 5000-6000 words) may be sent at: socialworkseminar241@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of abstracts and full papers

Abstract	October 10, 2019
Notification regarding acceptance or rejection of abstracts or confirmation of participation of participants	October 12, 2019
Full paper	October 25, 2019
Registration	November 3, 2019

Guidelines for abstract and full paper submission:

All abstracts and full papers must be submitted in MS Word format within word limit in Times New Roman font with 12 font size (normal) for text and 12 font size (bold) for heading as per APA 6th manual style and appropriate citations and references. Each abstract/full paper should contain title, author name, his/her designation, affiliation, complete mailing address along with his/her telephone number and email-ID.

Registration for the Conference:

Category	Registration Fees
Professionals/Academicians/Teachers for paper presentation	Rs. 500/-
Research Scholars/ Students for Paper Presentation/ Participation	Rs. 400/-

The Registration fee consists of:

- Conference Kits
- Food

Note: Participants will have to manage their own accommodation at their own cost.

Registration Fees: The registration fee for the seminar may be paid on spot.

Publication Opportunity:

Only high quality selected papers shall be published in the form of an edited book with ISBN Number.

How to reach the venue?

By Train: Howrah/Sealdah to Bolpur-Santiniketan, distance 165 kms, Bolpur-Santiniketan (Venue of the Seminar: Department of Social Work, Sriniketan is just 2 km away from Bolpurstation).

By Road: Nearly 180 km from Kolkata.

By Air: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata is the nearest airport.

Seminar Organizing Committee:

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