SCHOOL recognizes a child to be a person below the age of 18 yrs and aims to give a social safety net to family to help nurture child.

children are not a homogenous group and require different responses.

NATIONAL POLICY OF CHILDREN 2013

recognizes that every child has universal, inalienable and indivisible human rights.

ISSUES INVOLVED

Children are one of the most vulnerable communities in India lacking in political, social and economic rights.

They suffer from a gamut of issues like poor child education and health care, child labour, child marriage etc.

Article 23 of the constitution gives the right to work (especially children) against exploitation and the State's duty to protect it.

NEED OF THE INITIATIVE

The National Policy for Children was adopted by the GOI in 2013.

NPAC links the 2013 Policy to actionable strategies.

It aims to coordinate all stakeholders including GOI and civil society organizations to address child rights.

India brought the National Policy of Children in 2013 for emerging issues and also proposed a National Action Plan to implement it.

PROVISIONS OF THE ACTION PLAN

On Child Survival, Health and Nutrition

- help in improving child health by universalizing the maternal and child healthcare.
- give emphasis on new born care by initiatives like universal immunization.
- prevent mental and physical disabilities through timely measures for pre-natal, peri-natal and post-natal care of mother and child.

On Education and Development

- provide universal and equitable access to quality Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for all children below six years of age.
- promote affordable and accessible quality education up to the Secondary level for all children.

On Child Protection

- strengthen legal/administrative, and institutional redressal mechanisms for Child Protection at all level.

On Child Participation

- ensure that children actively participate in planning and implementation of programmes concerning them.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACTION PLAN

NPAC will take Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in account and provide a roadmap to achieve them.

NPAC puts focus on emerging concerns for children such as online child abuse, children affected by disasters and climate change etc.

According to the 2013 Policy, NPAC will form a National Co-ordination and Action Group (NCAG) under the Ministry of WCD. It will coordinate, implement and monitor the plan.


NPAC launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) to celebrate the National Girl Child Day.

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