

# NATIONAL ACTION

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# CHILDREN (NAPC) 2013

## NATIONAL POLICY OF CHILDREN 2013

### WHY IN NEWS

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

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### 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 people (especially children) against exploitation and the State's duty to protect it

### PROVISIONS OF THE ACTION PLAN

#### On Child Survival, Health and Nutrition

- help in the 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 legislative, 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

### 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.

### 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.

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