

# NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON “Safe Childhood-Safe Future”

## National workshop on ‘Safe childhood-Safe Future’ begins

● Representatives from 13 states taking part ● ‘Ch’garh Manifesto’ for Child Rights to be declared today

Raipur, Mar 30:

Speaker Chhattisgarh Assembly Gaurishankar Agrawal inaugurated two-day national workshop on ‘Safe Childhood-Safe Future’ organised for the Presidents, members and secretaries of Child Rights Protection Commission (CRPCs). This workshop is been organised by Women and Child Development Department of state government, Chhattisgarh Rajya Bal Adhikar Sarankshan Aayog (CRBASA) and UNICEF jointly.

The inaugural function was chaired by Minister for Women and Child Development Ramsheela Sahu. Chairperson CRBASA Shatabdi Pandey, Chairperson Chhattisgarh Rajya Nishaktajan Aayog Sarla Jain, Member Rashtriya Bal Adhikar Sarankshan Aayog



Yashwant Jain were present as special guests. In addition to this on the first day of the workshop, representatives from State Child Rights Protection Commission (SCRPC) of 13 different states of the country viz. Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Bengal, Assam, Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand, Goa and centrally sponsored state viz.

Chandigarh and Andaman & Nicobar Island came to Raipur and took part.

On the first day of this workshop, two CDs prepared by CRBASA were released with title ‘Jagna hein - Jagana hein’, with song ‘Bal Aayog Gaan’ and ‘Bal Adhikar Geet’ in Chhattisgarhi. ‘Mile Bal Adhikar’. Along with this a pamphlet for slow learning children was also released. On

March 31, representatives from AP and three others states will be taking part. A colourful cultural programme was present at the inaugural function.

For protection of Constitutional and Human Rights of children, discussion is been held in the workshop about the best ‘navachars’ running in different states. In this two-day discussion, at the con-

clusion of this workshop on March 31, ‘Chhattisgarh Manifesto’ related to Child Rights will be issued and which will be implemented all over the country.

Speaking as the chief guest in the seminar, Speaker State Assembly Gaurishankar Agrawal held the organisation of national workshop in Raipur as important. He said that the Centre and State together are running various schemes for betterment of health and education of children. Minister Ramsheela Sahu said that for overall physical, mental and moral development of children is combined responsibility of all. Chairperson CRBASA Shatabdi Pandey, Member RBSA Yashwant Jain and State head UNICEF Chhattisgarh Prashant Das and other speakers also addressed the inaugural session.

The above child protection initiatives of CGSCPCR and UNICEF has gained recognition within the state and at the national level too which inspired CGSCPCR and UNICEF to come together and organize a national level consultation for sharing of good practices among State Commissions across the country on the 30th and 31st March 2017 at Raipur. The theme of the consultation was planned as “Safe Childhood-Safe Future” with the objective of State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) sharing individual best practices to ensure effective Implementation of J.J Act 2015, POCSO Act 2012 and R.T.E Act 2009. CGSCPCR invited the Chairperson and Members of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and the Chairperson and two Members each of the SCPCRs of all states including Union Territories in the country. A member of NCPCR and former Chairperson the CGSCPCR Shri. Yeshwant Jain attended the programme together with the Chairpersons of eight SCPCRs including CGSCPCR, One Former Chairperson, 13 Members of six SCPCRs, two Secretaries of SCPCRs and two consultants to SCPCRs. In addition, representatives over of civil society organisations working on child rights issues, domain experts, youth, volunteers, police and media were also invited to the consultation to share their experiences, take in learnings from the presentations made by the invited speakers and SCPCRs and also raise questions for any clarifications on ground level interventions.

A field visit to the Child Friendly Police Station at Mahasamund was planned to expose the delegates to the initiative of the Police