

ROLE OF CHILDHOOD AND CHILD WELFARE IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

This policy reaffirmed the constitutional provisions and authorized the State to provide adequate service to children through the period of their growth in order to ensure their full physical, mental and social development.

Without proper governance and upgrading of health and educational facilities, these problems cannot be tackled and without these parametric shifts no child development is feasible.

The earliest known form of service to the needy children began with orphanages attached to early monasteries in Catholic or Islamic countries, the oldest of which may probably have been the 9th century orphanage in the Iranian Mosque of Holy Shrine at Meshad (Baig 1979).

The UN General Assembly adopted the 'The Rights of the Child' on December 10, 1959, through its resolution 1386 (XIV) (Declaration of the Rights of the Child n.d.) that states that the child by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection before as well as after birth.

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