CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMMES

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS: THE DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY

• **Article 25** lays down that no child below 14 shall be employed to work in any factory or any hazardous employment.

• **Article 39** ensures that children are not forced by economic necessity to enter vocations unsuited to their age and strength.

• **Article 45** requires the state to provide free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14 years.

NATIONAL POLICY FOR CHILDREN - 1974

• To provide adequate services to children, both before and after birth and through their period of growth to ensure their full mental, physical and social development.

• Health and nutrition of children and mothers, education of mothers, free and compulsory education of children up to the age of 14 yrs, recreation and cultural and scientific activities.

• Treatment, education and rehabilitation of physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children and special assistance to children belonging to weaker sections, SCs and STs and other economically weaker sections.

• Provisions of facilities to the delinquent, destitute, neglected and exploited children to enable them to become useful citizens.

INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ICDS) - 1975

• To improve the nutrition and health status of children in the age group of 0-6 yrs.

• To lay the foundations for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child.

• To reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school drop-outs.

• To achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation amongst the various depts to promote child development.

• To enhance the capability of the mother, through proper nutrition and health education and the normal health and nutritional needs of the child.
• The scheme covers children below the age of 6 yrs, expectant & nursing mothers in the age gp of 15 – 44yrs who are poor.

• Packages of services include: supplementary nutrition, immunisation, health check-up, referral services, non-formal pre-school education and health & nutrition education to all women.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (NIPCCD) - 1966

Main functions are:

• Research and evaluation studies in public cooperation, women and child development.

• Training of govt & voluntary sector personnel engaged in social devt of women & children.

• Dissemination of information pertaining to women & child devt and public cooperation through documentation & publications.

• Technical advice and consultancy to Central & State Govts in promotion and implementation of policies and progms for women & child devt.

• Liaison with international and regional agencies, research institutions, universities and technical bodies engaged in activities.

WOMEN WELFARE PROGRAMMES

LEGAL PROVISIONS:

• The Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act 1994.

• The Equal Remuneration Act 1976.

• The Hindu marriage Act 1955 & The Special Marriage Act1956.

• The Dowry Prohibition Act 1961.

• The Maternity Benefit Act 1961.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVT

• Hostels for working women.

• Employment and income generating production progms – 1982-83.

• Short stay homes for women and girls.

• Support to training and employment progms for women.
• National Commission on women.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

• National surveillance Progm for Communicable Diseases – 1997-98.
• National Anti Malaria Programme.
• AIDS Control Programme.
• National TB Control Programme.
• Active Programme for Control of Blindness – 2002-07.
• National Cancer Control Programme.
• National Mental Health Programme – 1982.
• Prohibition of smoking in public places.
• Prohibition of advertisement of cigarette and other tobacco products.
• Prohibition of sale of cigarette and other tobacco products to a person below the age of 18 yrs.