



National Conference

on

**“Issues and Challenges in Ensuring Happy Childhood:
A Special Focus on Jammu and Kashmir”**

June 11 & 12, 2019

Organised by:

Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir

in collaboration with

Save the Children



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Venue: University of Kashmir

Two Day National Level conference on the theme “Issues and Challenges in Ensuring Happy Childhood: A Special Focus on Jammu and Kashmir” is being organized by Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Save the Children J&K. This conference shall bring together academicians, policy makers, and research scholars across India to discuss the issues of children in the regions like Jammu & Kashmir. Research Papers are invited from scholars, academicians and practitioners at national level for panels/technical sessions spread over two days. The selected papers presented in the conference shall be published in a book from a reputed publisher. The conference will be held on **June 11 & 12, 2019**

About the Conference:

The Conference is aimed to enhance understanding of issues of children experiencing an armed conflict situation in the State of J&K. It would explore challenges that policy makers and practitioners confront while devising or implementing legislations and schemes for child rights and child protection in the State. Scholars, officers, and practitioners will assemble together and discuss the pressing issues and explore possibilities for advocacy and research on prioritized issues vis-à-vis rights of children.

Conference Objectives

1. Discuss current issues affecting children of the J&K State across diverse regions.
2. Provide a platform for local and national participants share their research and experience and to explore possibilities for further research and advocacy.
3. Build a stronger network & forge new partnerships among like-minded individuals, researchers, campaigners, policymakers & organizations.

Participants:

Faculty Members, Research Scholars, Students, Policy Managers, Practitioners (State, Civil Society, NGOs, etc)

Seminar Themes:

The focus of the seminar will be on the following themes related to “Issues and Challenges in Ensuring Happy Childhood: A Special Focus on Jammu and Kashmir”:

- a. **Rights** of children in Jammu and Kashmir:
 - Juvenile Justice, Children in Conflict with Law; in Need of Care & Protection.
 - Education during Emergencies.
 - Child Safety and Safeguarding Policy.
- b. **Issues** of Children in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - Child Protection issues like Abuse, Child labour, etc
 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse
 - Services in Health Care Settings for Children
- c. **Best practices** of evidence-based policy making/ intervention in the field of children’s rights in Jammu and Kashmir or across.
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Important Details:

Srinagar, Kashmir:

The valley of Kashmir is known for its natural and widespread beauty. It is a popular tourist destination for National and International tourists. Among the popular tourist places in the valley are Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg, Yusmarg, Dal Lake, Mansbal Lake, Wular Lake etc. In the month of March temperature ranges between a minimum of 10 degree Celsius to 20 Degree Celsius within Srinagar city. Srinagar is connected by well connected by air and road (the nearest train station is Jammu which is around 300 kms from Srinagar). There are more than 26 flights for Srinagar daily from different cities.

University of Kashmir (Venue of Seminar):

The University of Kashmir was founded in the year 1948. The University of Kashmir is situated at Hazratbal in Srinagar. It is flanked by the world famous Dal Lake on its eastern side and Nigeen Lake on the western side. The Main Campus of the University spread over 247 acres of land is divided into three parts – Hazratbal Campus, Naseem Bagh Campus and Mirza Bagh Campus. The University has established Satellite Campuses at Anantnag (South Campus), Baramulla (North Campus), Kargil and Leh, and another satellite campus at Kupwara is being established.

The University is committed to provide an intellectually stimulating environment for productive learning to enhance the educational, economic, scientific, business and cultural environment of the region. The University offers programmes in all the major faculties; Arts, Business & Management Studies, Education, Law, Applied Sciences & Technology, Biological Sciences, Physical & Material Sciences, Social Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Oriental Learning and Music & Fine Arts. It has been constantly introducing innovative/ new programmes to cater to the needs and demands of the students and the society, and has been accredited as Grade-A University by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India.



Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir

The Department of Social work was started by the University of Kashmir in 2003, and offers courses like M.A, M.Phil and Ph.D. in Social Work. The department has produced more than 400 students so far who are placed in the State Administration, Higher Education, National and International N.G.O's etc. This is a result of comprehensive theoretical and empirical grounding and professional skills imparted to the students. The department has undertaken extensive research projects on issues of local, regional and national importance.

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