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THE PRICELESS RESOURCE



The focus on child health has been a developmental issue at all times and for all countries. The responsibility to ensure that childhood is associated with joy, beauty and kindness rests with parents, teachers and all those who deal with the children. Good health for mother and child is a measure or indication of a society's capacity for caring, as the foundation of adult health is laid down in childhood adolescence and investment in child health is a direct entry point to improved social development productivity and better quality of life.

The right of child 1959 provides "Children have right to adequate Nutrition and Medical care regardless of colour, sex, religion national or social origin". Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi said "Nation which is callous towards its children has no future".

Though at the Government levels there are separate departements for the mother and child health care and quite handsome financial provisions are made to cover general medical ailments. But oral health care and prevention & interception of oral and dental diseases in children are hardly covered under any National or state level health schemes.

The need of the time is that within the frame work of primary health concept, all irrespective of colour, cast and creed or geographical and social limitations, the children should have acces to and be encouraged to seek comphrehensive health care including otpimum dental care and it should be provided in such a way that continue to maitain regime in adult life.

With the on set of new decade to 21st century could the profeasional organisations like Indian Dental Association & specialist forums take cogrugence of this lacuma in National health policies at central and state levels and prevail upon the governments and other concerned bodies to plan and implement a definite child oral health care & delivery system at school and community levels as the child health is the perceiver to healthy adulthood.

Could we dream to build a society where children of the world will have healthier life and better chances to achieve higher potentials.

Wishing a Happy & Prosperous 2011

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