

**International Conference on
Challenges in Early Childhood Development & Adolescences
Perspective of Parenting in 21st Century**

Organised by

**SISHUMANGAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE & RESEARCH
INSTITUTE
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In collaboration with
**RAIGANJ UNIVERSITY, Raiganj
&
RAIGANJ GOVERNEMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, Raiganj**

**On 21st & 22nd March, 2020;
Venue: Raiganj University**

INVITATION

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that International Conference is going to be organised by Sishumangal Child Development Centre & Research Institute, Raiganj on 21st and 22nd March, 2020 at Raiganj University in joint collaboration with Raiganj University and Raiganj Govt. Medical College.

We, on behalf of the organizing committee request your august presence and active participation to make this conference a grand success.

With regards and thanks,

Dr. Nilanjan Mukherjee
Organizing secretary, Conference
Director, Sishumangal Raiganj

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CALL FOR PAPER

Background

UNICEF defines 'Early Childhood' as the period from conception to school children when the cognitive, social, emotional and physical development of the child depends upon the role of parents and caregivers. Researches in medical sciences also reveal that the child brain develops faster in the first six years than at any other time in life and that the adolescence years is perhaps the second most important period of brain development. During these formative years children need the support and encouragement to grow in a protective and nurturing environment and therefore parenting needs to be careful, positive and supportive.

UNICEF marked the years 2018-21 for "Early Child Development" and made a strategic plan to improve the children's wellbeing in early childhood. In strategic plan UNICEF states that children's brain develop at a speed over 1 million new neural connections per second. Evidence shows that brain building process is fulfilled by adequate nutrition, protection from violence and environmental toxins and responsive stimulation as core elements of Nurturing Care. This also illuminates the link between Early Child Development and Child's future health and well being. UNICEF claims that the rate of return on ECD investments (when we assume human as capital) can be more than 13%. India has taken rapid stride in Early Childhood Development and the notion of Early Stimulation has become widely popular. Early stimulation or "the first 1000 days" are a period which starts from the initial day of conception and goes up to the child's second birthday. It is a period of rapid physical growth and accelerated mental development and offers a unique opportunity to build lifelong health and intelligence. So every single day of the journey in this early childhood is really precious and needs positive parenting.

In case of children with special needs positive parenting becomes more challenging as the parents themselves get depressed initially. But one must know that every child with disability has special strength. Experts say that it's more important to know what that special child can do rather than his disabilities. Parents and caregivers should know the specific technique from the experts to stimulate their child with special need. How to make them well accustomed with the outside environment and how to respond to them through interaction or conversation or singing or other useful method.

On the other hand, "years of adolescence" are equally critical as adolescence is a critical link between childhood and adulthood including lot of physical, psychological and social transitions.

It is that phase of human transition when brain maturation occurs due to a surge of synthesis of sex hormones.

Role of positive parenting as a means of rearing and raising a child and supporting an adolescent become an urgent necessity in this fast world of 21st Century. Several anxiety and crises have now become order of the day and our beloved children and budding adults are becoming victims of that. This is high time where role of positive parenting and caregivers needs to be emphasized, which would be ideal for the all round holistic development of a future adult of the nation.

Positive parenting means guidance with lots of affection, empathy and respect for child's personality development. With the application of positive parenting which surround the child with attention, care, support, encouragement with less instructions, children of all ages, including the children with special needs would become more cooperative. They will react positively to non-punishment and would show greater flexibility and adaptability.

About Sishumangal, Raiganj

Sishumangal Raiganj began its journey with its limited resources on February, 2015 under leadership of the pediatrician Dr. Nilanjan Mukherjee. Its major mission was 'early intervention' to high risk new born babies. Gradually, it achieved trust of poor people of surroundings and was able to spread the message of awareness by regularly conducting therapy and workshops even in interior parts of the district as well as outside. Within next two years, it grew up with the concept of Multidisciplinary Approach under the single roof and have been converted to a CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE .

Since 2017 SISHUMANGAL RAIGANJ started spreading its wings by deliberating several invited lectures and sharing experiences in several districts of North Bengal as well as in Bihar and Assam. In 2018, it started Preparatory School for Children with Special Need enabling them to reach conventional method of Education with flamboyant touch of IICP, Kolkata. Within few days the Research Unit of CDC came into existence and started disseminating its fruits of work by presenting its ideas in International Forum. Sishumangal Raiganj also launched a bi-yearly magazine namely 'Achieve... a story of conquering hurdles' entirely dedicated to the special children and it contains several serious articles including interviews, special tips and success stories. Even after being situated in a remote area, this institute dreams a society devoid of curses of disability. This non-profitable charitable institution works for public interest through catering the special needs in inclusive education and conducting workshops and conferences for related personal as well as for the perturbed families having CWSN.

About the Conference

Under the above backdrop, **Sishumangal Child Development Centre & Research Institute, Raiganj** in collaboration with Raiganj University & Raiganj Government Medical College intends to organize two days conference on **Challenges in Early Childhood Development & Adolescence (Perspective of Positive Parenting in 21st Century)** at Raiganj University to enunciate and explore several aspects of positive parenting to combat the challenges faced by every human being in early childhood and adolescence including the person with disability. The conference would be helpful to shed some lights in appropriate direction which would help the general rank and file at individual level as well as the policy planners both at Local, National and International Level.

Call for Abstract

Original contributions of any of the sub theme are invited from the potential contributors including researchers, medical practitioners, university and college teachers, and students. An extended abstract of around 500 words should reach our Office of Sishumangal Raiganj/ or over email sishumangal@gmail.com within 28th February, 2020 (stating the Subtheme and poiting out Background, Objective, Research Findings and Way Ahead of the paper). Selected participants will be informed within 2nd March, 2020 through email. Accepted final paper (after peer review and modification) would be submitted on 18th March, 2020. These accepted papers would be presented in the conference and expected to be published in an ISBN numbered edited volume, subject to availability of funds.

Paper should be written in English using Times New Roman Font 12 and 1.5 spacing. Title of the Paper, Author's name, Institutional Affiliation and Designation, Email Id including mobile number should be clearly spelt in the front page of the Abstratc/Paper.

Indicative Subtheme

1. Challenges in Early Child Development, Adolescence
2. Role of Positive Parenting in ECD, Adolescence
3. Roles of Doctors & Caregivers in ECD, Adolescence
4. Challenges in The First 1000 Days
5. Challenges in development of child with special needs

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Sending Abstract: 28/2/2020

Information regarding Acceptance of Paper: 2/3/2020

Date of Final Submission of Papers : 18/3/ 2020

Date of Conference : 21st & 22nd March, 2020

REGISTRATION FEES: A registration fees of Rs. 1000/- would be charged to all participants on the date of Conference. It includes conference kit, breakfast and lunches on the two days of seminar.

ACCOMODATION: No free accommodation is offered by the Organizing Committee. However, participants can communicate with Conveners Ms. Reema Mukherjee (Mobile: 9434247095) or Mr. Subashish Dutta (9434247262) for logistic assistance.

How to reach Raiganj

Raiganj is the district Head Quarter of Uttar Dinajpur and is well known for its largest bird sanctuary at Kulik Forest. Raiganj is well connected through bus, train and air services to the rest of the world. The nearest airport is Bagdogra International Airport, Siliguri which is around 166 km (3.45 hours drive) from Raiganj. Frequent bus services are available from Kokata and Siliguri. Kolkata Radhikapur Express (13145) is the only direct train running between Kolkata and Raiganj. It starts from Kolkata at 7.30pm and arrives Raiganj around 5.35am. Similarly Radhikapur Kolkata Express (13146) arrives Raiganj at 6.25pm and arrives Kolkata at 5.50p.m. Besides there are multiple train services from Malda town railway station , which is only 1.30 hours drive away from Raiganj as well as Barsoi Station which is only 1 hour on road from Raiganj.

Climatic Condition

Climatic condition at Raiganj will be pleasant and moderate even at ending days of March. The temperature will be ranging around 20⁰C-30⁰C.

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