

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN INDIA CHILD & FAMILY WELFARE SECTION

An Autonomous & Registered Wing of the National Council of Woman in India Established in: 1923

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Utpala Misra: a few details:

Presently a Trustee of the National Council of Women in India (NCWI): NCWI is a National level development & welfare agency, founded in 1923 by Smt. Sarla Devi Sarabhai among others. Eminent Social Workers like Smt. Raksha Saran & Sm. Yamutai Kirloskar, have been Presidents. It is non-political, non-denominational and non-profit in nature. NCWI Branches include the Maharashtra State Council of Women, who has done pioneering work in Sponsorship and Residential Care for deprived children.

MS. Misra is also the Honorary General Secretary of the **NCWI Child & Family Welfare Committee.** This is an autonomous & registered unit of the NCWI. It has been working in West Bengal since 1966. It works for the benefit of children, young girls and women, among the most depressed sections of the community both in urban & remote rural areas. Health & Sanitation, Education, Training cum Production units for income generation have been among our areas of concern. Relief programmes (for Bangladesh Refugees during the historic War,) Flood & Cyclone Relief have been an important involvement.

As member of a consortium of voluntary agencies, NCWI through its State Branch in Calcutta, nominated Ms Misra to the represent them at the Consortium and she was subsequently elected Secretary & re-elected for several years. The Consortium, lead by Ms. Misra was involved in founding more than 45 primary & some high schools in slum areas. It was also extensively involved in training Social Workers.

Ms Misra was born in a family of philanthropists, Pioneer Printers & Publishers of news paper "Dainik Basumati", some of Bankim Chandra & Sarat Chandra's novels among others. They were actively involved in promoting Nationalism during the Freedom movement. The family provided shelter for Revolutionaries. They were actively influenced by Sri Sri Ramakrishna.