Established in 1974, Child in Need Institute has grown into a vibrant institution with various thematic divisions and units. It is guided by its mission of *Sustainable development in health, nutrition, education and protection of child, adolescent and woman in need*. Under the governance of esteemed pediatrician and Founder Director Dr. Samir Chaudhuri, we have been operating for the last 40 years in the some of the poorest communities in the states of West Bengal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Our core activities are in the areas of Health, Nutrition, Education, Protection and Environment. We reach out to over five million populations both directly and indirectly. CINI has won the National award for Child Welfare from Government of India twice, once in 1985 and then in 2004.

Considering the need of the hour and addressing the entitlement issue of the poorest of the poor people across the country, this year CINI celebrates the 40th Foundation Day in the course of a thematic panel discussion on “Rights-based Approach to Development” chaired by Sister S. M Cyril, Eminent Educationist.

Rights-based approach to development is an approach to development promoted by many development agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to achieve a positive transformation of power relations among the various development actors. This practice blurs the distinction between human rights and economic development. There are two stakeholder groups in rights-based development—the rights holders (who do not experience full rights) and the duty bearers (the institutions obligated to fulfill the holders’ rights). Rights-based approaches aim at strengthening the capacity of duty bearers and empower the rights holders.

Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon’ble Minister in Charge, Women & Child Welfare; Govt. of West Bengal is the Chief Guest.

The key-note speakers are

- Mr. Bimalendu Basak, President, Nutrition Society of India, Calcutta chapter
  *Food Security in India*

- Mr. Harsh Mander, (Retd. IAS & Eminent Social Activist)
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