

CHILDREN AND LAW (OPTIONAL)

1. Concept of Child Rights: The Underlying Jurisprudence
 - ‘Rights Theories’ and the ‘Child Rights’
 1. Will Theory of Rights
 2. Interest Theory of Rights
 3. Liberationist Approach to Child Rights
2. Definition of ‘Child’: Age as a determining factor
3. Child rights in the International perspective with detailed reference to
 - Minimum Age Convention, 1973
 - Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989
 - Instruments on Juvenile Delinquency
3. Constitution of India and Child Rights
 - Children and Fundamental Rights
 - Directive Principles of State Policy
 - Fundamental Duties and Child Rights
4. Position of child under Family Law
 - Childs Right to Maintenance, Education & Custody
 - Guardianship of a child
 - Adoption Law and the child
 - Law of Legitimacy of a child
 - Law relating to child marriage
 - Child rights under the Law of Succession
5. Position of child under Commercial laws
6. Labour Laws and the child
7. Criminal Laws and the child

Relevant parts of

- Indian Penal Code 1860
- Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1956
- **The Young Person's (Harmful Publications) Act 1956**
- Prevention of Sexual Offences against Children Act, 2012

8. Procedural Laws and the Child

- The Criminal Procedure
- Law of Evidence

9. Juvenile Justice

Detailed reference to Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015

10. Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005.

11. Goa Children's Act 2003 & allied Acts and Rules.

12. Child Rights and executive action. (Government Policies, Plans).

13. Judicial approach to child rights.

Recommended Books:

Asha Bajpai: Child Rights in India: Law, Policy and Practice.

Agarwal & Agarwal, Law relating to Women & Children

Mamta Rao, Law relating to Women & Children

Anjani Kant, Law relating to Women & Children

S.C. Tripathy, Law relating to Women & Children

S.N. Jain , Child and the Law (1979) Indian Law Institute, New Delhi