

10.3 Course – III, Opt-VI : Offences against Child and Juvenile offences

Objectives:

Law accords special status for children. It presumes that they are incapable of informed decisions because of which they are to be protected by the State. Children are vulnerable to abuse by adults and need protection. Further, if children run into conflict with law, they are to be treated in a different way than treating criminals. This course is designed to trace and drive home to the students the criminal law regime, both substantive and procedural, in protecting children from offences and treating juvenile offenders.

Course Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to –

1. understand the importance of Juveniles delinquency and the impact of juvenile delinquency.
2. understand the offences against the child.
3. explain the child protection related provisions of the POCSO Act.
4. analyse the legislative approach to reduce the offences against the child.
5. acquaint with the knowledge of preventive strategies and the role of Non-Governmental organization.

Contents:

Unit-I:

Rights of the Child: Definition of Child, Introduction to International Law on the Rights of the Child, Introduction to Constitutional provisions protecting child.

Unit-II:

General exceptions under Indian Penal Code relating to children. Kidnapping, abetment of suicide, procurement of girl child, importation of girls, trafficking in children, buying or disposing as a slave, selling / buying for the purpose of prostitution.

Unit-III:

Sexual violence, unnatural offences

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956

Unit-IV:

Secs.312, 315, 316, 317 and 318 of Indian Penal Code

Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994.

Unit-V:

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000

Books Prescribed:

Ratanlal and Dheerajlal, *The Indian Penal Code*, 32nd ed., 2009 re.pt. (Nagpur: LexisNexis Butterworths Wadhwa, 2012).

Relevant Bare Acts and latest judgments of High Courts and Supreme Court.

Asha Bajpai, *Child Rights in India*, 2nd ed., 2009 (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009)

Books for Reference:

B. Senguttuvan, *Sexual Offences Against Women and Children*, (Chennai: Deccan Publications, 2009)