

CHILD RIGHTS

Course Code: LLCCR006

Total Session: 45 Hrs

Objectives: The object of this course is to impart thorough knowledge about the international and national perspectives of child rights protection. It covers the constitutional and other legislative provisions safeguarding the rights of children. It also covers international instruments concerning the rights of children.

Unit I: Introduction (10 Session)

Meaning and Definition of Child- Theories of Child Development- Historical Development of Child Rights.

Unit II: Child Rights: International Perspective (10 Session)

International Protection of Child Rights: International Bill of Rights – The Geneva Declaration on the Rights of the Child, 1924 – Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966 – International Covenant on Social, Cultural and Economic Rights, 1966 – The World Summit for Children, 1990 – World Conference on Human Rights, 1993– World Health Organisation – Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 – Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Unit III: Child Rights: Indian Constitutional Perspective (5 Session)

Constitution of India and Rights of the Child – Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties – Rights of Children under Articles 15(3), 21A, 23 and 24.

Unit IV: Child Rights: Legislative Framework: Criminal Law (10 Session)

Defence of Infancy – Abetment of Children to Commit Offences – Offences Against Children – Sexual Assault on Children and Other Relevant Provisions of the Indian Penal Code – Child as a Witness – Legitimacy of Children and Other Relevant Provisions of the Indian Evidence Act – Maintenance of Children and the Relevant Provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Unit V: Child Rights: Legislative Framework: Personal Law (10 Session)

Status of Children Under Various Personal Laws – Child Marriages – Custody of Child and Guardianship – Adoption – Inter-country Adoption – Legitimacy of Children – Surrogate Child.

Reference Books

1. Dr.S.K. Chatterjee, offences against Children and Juvenile Offence Central Law Publications 2016
2. Geeta Chopra, Child Rights in India: Challenges and Social Action, Springer, 2016,
3. Dr J.N. Panday Constitutional Law of India Central Law Publications 2018,
4. K.D. Gaur, A text book on Indian Penal Code Universal Law Publication,
5. Dr S.R. Myneni, Human Rights Asian Law House 2018