

Chanakya National Law University, Patna
LL.M. Criminal Law 2022-23; SEMESTER- II

Course Title: Juvenile Delinquency

Course Overview

This course critically examines juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system in India. Students will be exposed to the theories that help professional understanding and the development of delinquency within the context of individuals, families and communities. This course will focus on some of the important issues that face the juvenile justice system and the social work professionals who are working within this system. The course is designed for lawyers, social work students interested in working in juvenile justice.

Learning Outcomes

- Know and recognise the law related Juvenile.
- Know the Indian legal provisions and landmark cases relating to Juvenile.
- Know the International and Indian legal provisions for the development of Child protection laws
- Know theories of Juvenile Delinquency.

On completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand how life events and social conditions (risk and protective) contribute to delinquency and goal and objective of juvenile justice system in India.
2. Analyse the development of Juvenile Law in India and International development.
3. Critically evaluate the law and procedure of Indian juvenile system and other countries development of Juvenile law.

List of Topics/ Modules

| Topic/ Module | Contents/ Concepts | Sessions / Lectures |
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| Module I: INTRODUCTION | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jurisprudential foundations of Juvenile Justice | 1-6 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and evolution of Juvenile Justice in India • International Conventions & Instruments • Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR) • Constitutional Provisions • Juvenile Justice System Vs. Criminal Justice System • Laws relating to children in India | |
| <p>Module II: THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDING OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning of Juvenile Delinquency • Theories of Juvenile Delinquency • Childhood Disorders • Causal Factors in Juvenile Delinquency • Juvenile Delinquency in India - Nature, Incidence and Characteristics • | 7-14 |
| <p>Module III: ACT AND RULES ON JUVENILE JUSTICE IN INDIA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Juvenile Justice (Care And Protection of Children) Act, 2015 • Important Definitions • General Principles of Care and Protection of Children • Juvenile Justice Board | 15-25 |

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| | <p>Procedure in Relation To Children In Conflict With Law Child Welfare Committee Procedure In Relation To Children In Need of Care and Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation and Social Re-Integration • Adoption • Other Offences against Children • Brief Overview of Bihar Juvenile Justice (Care And Protection Of Children) Rules, 2017 | |
| <p>Module IV: : ROLE OF THE SOCIETAL INSTITUTIONS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the family in delinquency prevention • Dual role of police- as an agency of Criminal Judicial Administration and as protector of Juvenile interest • NGO's role in custodial institutions and as a friend of every child in need of care • Media to expose instances of child exploitation and abuse in public domain as well as remain sensitive to privacy of children and their families | <p>26-42</p> |

Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:

Text Books

1. Donald J. Shoemaker
2. Ved Kumari

References

- Juvenile Delinquency: Causes and Control by Robert Agnew
- Juvenile Delinquency: Theory, Practice, and Law by Larry J. Siegel

Web Resources

https://www.mlsu.ac.in/econtents/1076_Juvenile%20Justice%20Act.pdf<http://www.penacclaims.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Kushmitha-Ganesh.pdf>
<https://biblioteca.cejamericas.org/bitstream/handle/2015/3519/eeuu-century-juvenile-justice.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
https://serialsjournals.com/abstract/40148_ch_5_f_-_venudhar_routiya.pdf
<https://journal.rostrumlegal.com/the-minimum-age-of-criminal-responsibility-in-india-is-it-to-be-blamed-for-the-increasing-youth-crime-by-stuti-bhatia/#:~:text=The%20present%20age%20of%20criminal,Act%2C%202000%20is%2018%20years.>

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