

Paper II:
Child Rights, Policy and Law: International and National Framework

This paper deals with the concept of child rights. It examines the policy and legal framework that have led to the discourse on child rights and helps students to understand the significance and application of these at the international and the national level.

The students would require to spend approximately 180 hours for reading and reflecting on the articles and essays that have been provided and to complete the exercises that follow each unit.

1.1. Objectives of the paper:

1. To critically understand and analyse the notion of child rights
2. To analyse the international and national legal and normative framework with respect to child rights

1.2. Expected outcomes:

After the completion of this paper, the students would have:

1. Developed an understanding of the meaning of child rights, and key philosophical underpinnings in the discourse on child rights;
2. Gathered critical and analytical perspectives to understand child rights in the context of who is a child, the roles of state, parents/family and the child herself in promotion and protection of child rights;
3. Understood the international legal framework on child rights and the key issues in its application at the national level;
4. Understood the national legal and policy framework on children and its implications for practice;
5. Developed a critical understanding of the key statutory and judicial institutions available in the country;
6. Been made aware of the key legislative proposals pertaining to children in India.

1.3. Topics:

Block 1 Understanding Child Rights

Block 2 International Law

Block 3 National Laws and Policies on Children

Block 4 Statutory and Judicial Institutions