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# ISSUES AND CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS CHILD ABUSE IN INDIA

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### **Introduction :**

India is in the ways of transformation which proved best in all spheres . The laws and legislations have improved , but at times when we glance the newspapers and magazines, we find that child abuse remains as a issue creating major problems in the society. Children in general are considered to be "gift of god". When the psychological aspects are understood, we find that children are sensitive age group who are utilized by adults for selfish needs affecting them physically and mentally. Child abuse refers to the harm made to child in any means -physically , sexually , verbally which creates mental trauma to the child . When the society has stepped into such drastic changes, the question always lies is that whether laws made are just paper works or people require the change . The only answer is that , people have to change their mindset making better opinions and understanding the systems effectively. The psychological awareness is necessary among the people. Though developments have taken place people need to work on personality development first which can reduce the difficulties . Child abuse being a problem has crept in a lot challenges which the country at present is facing. The children are the future citizens of the country who constitute with various skills and are real resource to the country. The changing society must create an atmosphere for the child's development rather than creating hinderances. They must be strive to be excelled for the country to move ahead with the understanding of rights and duties. We find that , India has taken a lot of affirmative actions so that they uplift them at all means standardizing their living that we understand that this issue is having it's roots depth into the societal problems. Various instances have proved that, no place remains safe for children . By understanding the issues and challenges , if the reduce of them is made , the problem can be rectified at the necessary levels leading to fear free society. All the issues mentioned are ones which should be changed . The harm created in whatever forms makes the effect over the emotions hindering growth with the sense of feeling towards anti - social methods . We find that the children must stay resistant and incur the knowledge to combat such problems with legal knowledge to rectify the problems and even be courageous ahead.

### **ISSUES AND CHALLENGES :**

If we look into the society, we find that the children who are abused, normally in India are those belonging to poor sections who are economically weak. This remains as a way to child laws , where the laws and legislations created are not being implemented . The child face various issues due to poverty where they have to bear the domination from the rich sections of the society. Various inadequate human resource serve as major problem towards the implementing of laws and legislations whereby promoting child abuse . The people in poverty lack the awareness and at times have no option left which they have to move towards anti - legal methods. The people lack the education which even educated have the way of financial problems creating, the way for child abuse. The practical implementation of the awareness cannot be made by the officials. The societal norms are strong that people fear of image and living in society creating means of child abuse. It is found if the children are offered with jobs at industries they work more but can be paid less harassing them. The financial condition of the families make them move towards the working which is a abuse and even that at workplace they face troubles. When the people gain the standardized living out of all the issues, then child abuse would seek its retrieve. The various plans and programmes are made by the government opening up helplines and other schemes so that the children come ahead making the ways towards betterment . When the incapability of the individuals to strive ahead and step towards legal actions , such abuses take place . One such thing is, people find that children can be easily utilized for the anti social means whereby people utilize them negatively which is a form of abuse hindering their positive growth. Any implementation off online aspects the industries believe that children can be utilized, which makes the child abuse. Though, the fundamental rights are protected, the people misutilize them for their selfish needs. The conservative parents abide the social taboos and norms that leads to child abuse whereby the problem of early child marriages are prevalent . We can note that, misuse of poor section of society creates hinderances . The people are enjoying the busy life where taking care of children is a hectic work at times , leading them to abuses

When the people are having negative mindset, they often express, but we can find that at times children have become the victims of such issues. The psychological problems at school and homes, when the adults have emotional out of control like anger, impatience they express it with the children. Often, the parents and teachers do not understand the mindset and psychology of the students which they tend dominate and harass them taking out the anger. Normally, children are found to be harassed at homes which says that any legislation will not work when the people try to understand the need. The children must be corrected for their mistakes, which does not mean that they should be harassed. There are instances when adults utilize children for sexual needs, though being educated. Hereby, the major aspect that matters is the look of people's purview must be changed so that addressing the

problem does not be a hinderance. So when psychological effects are corrected, then we can find that the laws and rules can take its shapes into the development. The children dud to fear are not able to express themselves creating mental traumas . Here families also face the stress making it effect over children . The generational problems with certain myths and norms makes the child abuse be prevelant . The people have been victims of substances like alchohol, drugs ... etc making them utilize the effect over the children . The depression making people creates the ways to child abuse. The work load and pressure imparted over the children creates a way of abuse. In India people , believe that punishing children would make them be better, but this can turn out to be harmful. Though violence at schools have stopped, the teachers believe that fear of punishment must be there. But, it is that students must incur the zeal and determination to work, which must be induldged among the students and not fear which can psychologically effect them making a harm to the country. The lack of awareness among the children on any abuses makes them remain silent on any problems. The schools must impart knowledge on the aspects creating awareness among the students .The effect of visual media creates problems where the instant gratification is needed. The busy life where parents are unable to give time to children creates hinderances among them to understand the children and their life. The status of the families are at stake, by which people fear to initiate any legal action fearing that it would lead to problems. Further, we find at the institutions children are not imparted with knowledge that they can come up in life and move ahead with strength . The young minds need to have a lot of courage, which they can utilize at the ways of promoting justice to themselves. Though, laws and legislations prevail, young children must know the difference between right and wrong, by which they can strongly fight against wrong happenings. The sensitive age group requires monitoring, else they fall into the trap of the abuses. The boldness among students can grow when the knowledge is imparted to them which can transform towards the implication of laws . The elders have a responsibility to take care about their children understanding their lives in a way that it helps to develop and they feel that they have someone to help them out. At times we find the pressure imparted due to the competitive awaiting for results that creates harm to the child's life. At times, people have the greed to attain more leading to problems at a major way affecting children. The societal laws due to mediatories have failed to work . The aspect that we understand is , the juvenile cases are sometimes neglecting having a purview that the cases are not heavy ones . But neglecting this can lead to major issues . The children have a mind which during that age , does not have rational thinking, by which they fall in trap. Due to the busy life parents and elders don not give time to their children which leads to children unable explain their problems . Various threats given to the children makes the child not to speak much. The students at schools are not imparted with appropriate knowledge creating problems among them internally in their minds. The legal practitioners intend to reject such cases which belong in the juvenile category which does not fetch any kind of profit and difficult to attain evidences. The helplines ask all the details of children where the children fear . Now, those who are the culprits for child abuse have not been punished which makes the child abuse to continue still further. The community support is lowered to the child . The lack of parenting skills could cause such problems which they might have faced any abuses in their childhood. The disabled children are considered a bane and illtreat them in many ways . The denial and negligence attitude of elders towards children creates further child abuses. The behavioural with children must be made with minute care without creating effects. The caste systems stills prevails among some creating abuses which the children are made to work and harassed .

#### **CONCLUSION:**

From the above description of the issues and challenges that are faced in the prevention of child abuses are many. We find that since the constitution is adopted and enforced, many laws and legislations have been implemented to prevent such heinous crimes taking place. The major problem is that the acceptance must be shown among the people with the awareness and keen knowledge among people about these rules. As we know that, children are an asset to the nation and remains as a source of human resource with skills utilized at the future. But, we find that , the people must change the mindset. The children if hurted little can make them grow into anti social means that they must be handled with care. The exploitation of children for any selfish needs will move against the humanity. The advancement of technology should be utilized for the sake of development and sustainability of nation. The usage of technology in anti social means will create a loss to the nation. The citizens must be wise enough to make decisions and act on it for the successful working with all age groups gaining the benefit with upliftment at all fronts. The main intention is to live with happiness respecting the rules and abiding by the constitution. The children at young age should be imparted with the knowledge of laws and regulations at simple ways so that their capacity of understanding will turn into a boon and strength.

"The stop of child abuse is in our hands that saves the lives of thousands".