

## Part III : Children

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**T**he rich segment on children consisting of the research oriented papers focuses on their intrinsic merits. Notwithstanding, they deal with socio-economic, eco-legal, medico-legal aspects and significantly the prime causes of child poverty. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) which runs throughout, compared to any other instrument ratified and accepted as a binding multilateral treaty by the largest number of countries in the shortest span of time, is significantly a vital instrument of developing 'international child law' a fine effort made in the century. Despite appreciable progress achieved, more than one billion people still live in acute poverty and face perpetually disease, squalor, destitution and injustices. Stressingly, one in three of the world's children are malnourished but one in five of the world's population is trying to survive on less than 50 pence a day. More people have faced death in the 1990s than died in the First and Second World Wars. Those inhabitants of mother Earth continue to suffer grossly owing to inadequate or no access to the resources, education, health services, infrastructure, land and credit, hence all those impediments continue to impair the quality of life of present and future generations. What we need a new development strategy and constitutional imperative to provide a new deal to the child poverty to evolve a much needed 'global culture of child caring'. It is socio-economic need to evolve feasible structure and institutions that will weave human and juristic values together to have an articulated interaction between the state and the people in the larger interest of children the world over. The significant landmarks are towards the direction of achieving justice to millions of children placed in adverse circumstantial and situational malady.

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