

**ELLW 2004. Human Rights and Special interest / Disadvantage Group:
Women and Children**

100 (4 Credits)

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- 2.2) Violence against and abuse of Women in public and private domains

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- 3.2) UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education. 1960
- 3.3) UN Convention on Political Rights of Women, 1952, Convention, on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. 1979 Convention on Nationality of Married Women 1957, Convention on Consent to Marriage: Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages.1962, Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. 1949, Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against. Women. 1993.
- 3.4) Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Cooperation, 1982
- 3.5) Documents of the Four World Conferences on Women: Mexico.1975, Copenhagen, 1980, Nairobi. 1985, Beijing, 1995
- 3.6) Protection of women in armed conflicts
- 3.7) Other relevant developments

4. THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA AND STATUS OF WOMEN

- 4.1) Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties under the Constitution
- 4.2) Special provisions for the protection of women: Article 15(3), Article 39(d) & (c), Article 42, Articles 243-D & 243-T

5. SPECIAL LAWS AND POLICIES FOR PROTECTION OF WOMEN

- 5.1) Special Laws: Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act,1956. Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986, Commission of Sill (Prevention) Act, 1982, Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, Maternity Benefit Act 1961. Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Other laws having a direct bearing in protection of women
- 5.2) Women and public policy: Female health and family welfare literacy programmes. Female Labour Welfare; Issue of current public debate: political rights of Women (reservations and protection of women), personal Laws and status of Women

6. STATUS OF CHILDRE IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN SOCIETY

- 6.1) Impact of problems of Poverty and Illiteracy
- 6.2) Social and Cultural practices regarding Girl Child: Feticide. Child Marriage
- 6.3) Child Labour (in construction. carpet, glass, bangles, and other industries, in unorganized sectors). Forced labour, Sale of Children
- 6.4) Child abuse inside and outside homes, trafficking in Children, children and Custodial Crimes (Street children: Child and Crime).

7. INTERNATIONAL NORMS FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

- 7.1) ILO conventions on restrictions and prohibition on child labour including ILO Convention on Child Labour, 1999
- 7.2) UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989, Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, and Optional Protocol on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. 2000. Declaration of Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption. 1986
- 7.3) UNESCO: International Charter of Physical Education and Sports, 1978; Convention on-Technical and Vocational Education, 1989, Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education. 1960. Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights. 1997. Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generation towards Future Generations, 1997
- 7.4) World Summit for Children: Declaration and Plan of Action
- 7.5) other relevant developments

8. THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA"AND STATUS OF CHILDREN

- 8.1) Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles under Indian Constitution
- 8.2) Special Protection for the child: Article 15(3). Article 24, Article 39 (e) & (f). Article 45
- 8.3) Judicial Endeavor and Children

9. SPECIAL LAWS AND POLICIES FOR PROTECTION OF THE CHILD

- 9.1) Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933. Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Act, 1956, Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929. Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1956, Children's Act. 1960, Orphanages and Other Charitable Homes (Supervision and Control) Act, 1960. Juvenile justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act. 2000.
- 9.2) Other Laws relevant to protection of the Child
- 9.3) Gaps between International norms and the Indian Law. if any
- 9.4) Government Policies

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