

## **PREFACE**

Constitution of India acknowledges that the Society and the State have an obligation to protect rights of every child. These rights include right to life, right to be protected from abuse and exploitation and right to education and human development. In a vast poverty ridden India, the focus on child rights has been even greater during past over a decade with the law makers showing a great sense of urgency in enacting laws which protect children rights. The laws ensure that the children in need of care and protection are adequately looked after by their families and the society at large for their survival, protection and developmental needs. The Law of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2013 and Rules thereunder are the basic Laws. Also other related laws like Juvenile Smoking Act, Svt., 1986 are complementary and important. There was a growing demand from the members of the bench and bar as also students to consolidate Child Laws in a single place to ease reference and understanding. Accordingly, Jay Kay Law Reporter Pvt. Ltd. assigned this project of consolidation to me and now this compilation is before all of you for future reference.

Apart from an integrated book on Juvenile Justice Act, this book contains Notifications and Judicial Rulings on this important legislation. A need has been felt to strengthen applicability of law in the State of Jammu and Kashmir which required the Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) set up to take care of Juvenile cases to be well informed. Accordingly I have included guidelines for SJPU to appreciate the essence of this law. A part of the book is dedicated to institution of Child Welfare Committees, their composition, power and scope. Another important aspect is prevention of children and prohibition of forcing them into labour. The important legislations contained in Child and Adolescent (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and rules, 1988 thereunder also have been included in this Compendium. The corresponding Central viz. J&K

Child Labour Project and Child Labour Society projects have also been included in this book alongwith notifications thereunder. Protecting children from sexual violence Act covered under J&K Protection of Children from Sexual Violence has also been included. The Government has also set up a Commission for Protection of Women & Child Rights in 2018. These statues have also been included to enable all stakeholders including SJPU's and other law enforced to have a quick and easy understanding. I am sure this book will serve its purpose for all concerned.

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