PREFACE

Taking care of the needs of children lays the foundation of any legal system and society. Realization of this fact inevitably requires an appreciation of the moral, ethical, sociological and historical reasons for upholding the rights of children; it again necessitates an appreciation of the human rights approach towards children which regulates the duties and rights pertaining to this issue in the international sphere and among nations. The application of the principles recognized by the international community in the municipal sphere will definitely provide better means for the enjoyment of justice, liberty, peace, equality and all other incidental, ancillary or collateral rights to children. More precisely, it will provide a better standard of living to future generations.

This research work is in fact a probe into the nature of human rights of children, its recognition in the international arena and the application and enforceability in the municipal sphere of Indian legal system. Throughout this study, an earnest effort is made to acknowledge the hidden attribute of a ‘social-engineer researcher’ viz., to make some contributions in the building up of a better society and more particularly, to emphasize on the necessity of adequately taking care of, effectively handling and properly safeguarding the vulnerability of children.

This research is also a humble attempt to make suggestions to revamp the existing legal framework in India, keeping in mind the resolve of international community in the matter of protecting children. I believe, the analysis of various international conventions, charters, documents etc., has provided a better understanding of the recognition of the status of children with varied rights and this in turn helps to find out the inadequacies which may be supplemented by the state.

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