

## School Dropout and Child Labour

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### Abstract

Child labour is problem of 21st century. The issue of child labour is closely related with human beings. And it is seen that the act of child labour very high. The issue of child labour is a developmental issue, and it is worth studying as we know. It is a source of income for any poor family. Some situations are taking place rapidly. Some reasons are also bringing changes in the psychology of children. Main reasons are maid household, kidnapping, red alert area, premature girls' marriage with old man, prostitutions etc. It is widely believed that poverty plays a very vital role for many children to work full time for the betterment of their families. Generally parents force their children for labour work. And with the help of child they make money and fulfil their wants. Most of children's parents are responsible for dropout school and join child labour.

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### Introduction

This paper has been prepared as a background on school dropout and child labour. In the 21st century there are lots of problems like poverty, abortion of girl child, prostitution and main problem is child labour. The issue of child labour is closely related with human and it is seen that the condition of child labour is very high and front line concern in India. The issue of child labour is a developmental issue worth studying as we know child labour is a source of income for poor family. Our government is working for increment in income of the people. But people are not supporting governments. They are just take benefits with help of government without any hard work.

Education is a fundamental right of human beings because it provides concerns to work for the country. So all human rights should, with the duty to respect, be protected and fulfilled. Education is one of the most powerful tools for transforming human lives and society. In India many children drop out of school before finishing primary standard and at that time government have rule "free and compulsory education for all" but people are unable to understand the policy due to their narrow and orthodox mindset. The post colonial mind set and rigidity makes them the frog in the well.

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## Child Labour is a Wide Spread Phenomena

In childhood children do not have the importance of knowledge and education, they always followed their parents. But parents do not understand about future of their children. Because parents think child labour is impeccable for them so this will be perfect for their children too. At a tender age a child is an indecisive about the importance of education and knowledge. Children always get ideas of present situation but not getting in what would be the circumstances of the future. If children are giving Rs100 per day, it's quite beneficiary for families and they are forced to earn, because with the help of child, there comes more money. And then children cultivate the habits like smoking and drinking or trapped by drug dealers for selling the same. A child is working for family and escape from school. And then children are attracted by money and with the help of money can satisfy their very basic needs like food and clothes. So labour becomes compulsory for a child and schools become secondary and even null and void.

## How Child Labour Takes Place:

In the 21st century is running very fast. Modernity has its own drawbacks. Some situations take place very fast and some reasons change psychology of children. Main reasons like maid household, kidnapping, red light area, girl marriage with old man, prostitution etc. Behind these reasons parents of the child is earn money in one or another way.

As house keeper girl child goes with her mother and then she followed her mother and her life changed extremely. On the other hand, gangsters kidnap children and make them to do labour work. As a boy he joins with his servant and as girl she is pushed into sex work. In bollywood movie *Mardaani* it is presented such types of situations which are faced by female children. Here they are given attractive offers for dropping school. Very young girls' parents are marrying with an old man only for money. And then she gets busy with households and she drops out her school. So here it can be said that only for a little money parents are doing anything with their child having membership of street gangs or beggars almost try dropping out of school. And best example of Hindi movie is "Traffic Signal". This movie presents how children's live is going with dangerous positions. Kailash Satyarthi (1998) said that, "Child labour must not become the nation's social safety net."

There is a crucial cycle of child labour from which the child cannot escape. A child carrying the burden of being a bread winner and students, bound due to that burden. And not having the capacity of running away or revolt. Child is constantly getting deep in to the vicious circle of labour. He paid less attention on his/her learning. As a labourer he is threatened the ability of learning skill.

School dropout also depends on student teacher relationship. The child exposed only to the teacher in the begging of the life cover. Psychologically he/she is very much depending upon teacher and school environment during the school time. In some schools the providence of interesting atmospheres as well as interesting activity is null, so students are waiting for

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holidays. And sometimes students are forced to attend such school due to lack of money. Students become happy when the school time is over. We can say that atmosphere of family as well school is very central. If teacher ill treats the child or ignore the child, the child feels neglected. The negligence creates lack of attention, boredom and lack of interest. Sometimes poverty and low cast affect teachers' behaviour towards the students. These students are not given chance to speak out or interact freely with teacher in the class room. This behavioural partiality lessens the learning ability of the students. A kind of inferiority generated and makes the students dumb. It causes school dropout. As per some psychologists, "five year children are same in speaking language like 60 years because these children are not to do mistakes in mother tong."

If parents are educated, children are more willingly to be in school. However, parents are illiterate, there is a greater risk to children's drop out from school. So it is more likely that every child get proper education and they make their career. In lower class family where parents are half educated working very hard to satisfy basic need of the family. Due to it the girl child in this family perform very responsible roll to manage house hold and taking care of family members. She has to play a roll of nurse for the grandparents in the absence of her parents. Having younger sibling is quite a big responsibility for her. So in full life she is not free for herself and also for education. In such family there is child marriage of the girl. In very young age she leaves her school only for her family problems.

On the other side such family's first boy child has to share the toil of parents for earning. An eldest boy child of family has enough responsibilities to earn daily wages for paying fees of the younger ones. Boys are working in hotel, restaurant, tea stall, repairing of vehicles, bars and canteens. Some time he tries his best to join the school or complete his work before school time. Working one or two hours per day may not interfere with schooling. Children's home atmosphere also some time spoiled their careers. Parents are quite eager to send those children to school, after informing about the cases of child abused they hesitate to send the children to school. The surrounding also performs as valid reasons for school dropout. Sometimes the neighbourhood is having nuisance preventing the child to join the school. The novel "Bluest Eye" is very appropriate example.

Sometimes parents themselves sell their children for labouring. In the market the wages depend upon the physical strength, gender, religion and age. They are paid also according to their skills of working, smartness and hardworking nature. These children lose their enjoyment of childhood as well as the right to education.

We can say that lack of parent's involvement is the reason for child labour because parents do not pay attention on their child. On the other hand in the society some children are belonging to families in which parents are divorced and children live with grandparents. So in this situation children are pushed to child labouring and lost the chance for education. Sometime child belong to agricultural family. Their family not too much belongs with

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education. This is prominent reason, why they do not pay more attention on child's teaching and learning. So in this family every member is engaged with agricultural work. Then child has to dropout his/her school. One more reason of child labour is low social background. They are not educated person and the mind sets are rigid, that can't accept new ideas and change. Many time higher education is one of the new idea for them, so for such family child has to do child labour and dropout school.

The parents who are belongs to poverty, they are also trying that their child learns very well. These parents are doing very hard work. They are sometimes not able to paying enough attention on their children. It is possible that children may not understand this reality and they try to find the satisfaction of their isolation to elsewhere. They pay less attention in learning and fail. In such cases parents are not ready to pay more fees on their child's education, due to he/she joins labour work. So we can said that lower families parent is try to do their best ,but many time child have no value. It is too late when he thinks about his future and realize his mistake. And then they have only one way is doing labour work. He started working, begging and sometimes clutch himself in activities and crime, which is harmful to society. "Out of school children comprise the workers and non workers. In our view they together signify a measure of deprivation among children and can be considered as a potential labour pool always being at the risk of entering the labour force." -NCEUS, 2007

An orphan child can easily be drowned to child labour because they also want live life. But he/she has no money to fulfil his/her wants. So here they are choose wrong way of life. They indulge themselves in some bad types of works like begging, picking pockets other and criminal or anti-social activities which are not good for them as well as for society. The novel, *Oliver Twist* is the best example for child labour. Beside our government is trying to its best. They are providing totally free education. Now parents give response in education of their child, so his child will interact with education related activities.

## Conclusion

According to my point of view, these children are not drop out of school voluntarily, but pushed out of school. A variety of social, economic and cultural factors as well as practices, routines are responsible for them. Most of the children's parents are responsible for them drop out the school.

Many children either dropout or never join school because they are poor and many family depends on the children's earning. Due to his labour work they lack the interest in education and they failed in his schooling. These all reasons are associated with the child labour and school dropout. So in next generation have feel lots of problems on reason of population. By this population there is always increase child labour in the society. And people are not really poor, but his mentally and thoughts are make them poor.

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