PAPER 1

CCRPW1T FOUNDATIONS OF CHILD RIGHTS

Max. Marks: 100
External: 70
Internal: 30
Pass: 40%
Credits: 6

Objectives:

This paper introduces learners to the concept, evolution and philosophical foundations of child rights. It familiarises students with international and national legal frameworks governing child protection and welfare.

Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this paper, learners will be able to:

CO1: Understand the concept and evolution of child rights
CO2: Explain international conventions relating to children
CO3: Identify constitutional and legal safeguards for children in India
CO4: Analyse contemporary issues affecting children

Section A

Unit 1: Understanding Childhood and Child Rights: Concept of childhood; Changing perspectives on childhood; Rights-based approach; Principles of survival, protection, development and participation.

Unit 2: International Framework on Child Rights: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); Optional Protocols; Role of UNICEF; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and child welfare.

Unit 3: Constitutional and Legal Safeguards in India: Constitutional provisions relating to children; Right to Education Act, 2009; Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

Section B

Unit 4: **Contemporary Child Protection Challenges in India**: Child labour, trafficking, and child marriage, Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, Children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection, Socio-economic factors affecting child welfare and protection

Unit 5: Child Rights and Inclusive Education: Right to education and access to schooling, Equity, inclusion, and child-friendly learning environments, Barriers to education among disadvantaged children, Government initiatives and support systems for child education and welfare

Unit 6: Emerging Trends and Issues in Child Protection: Cyber safety and online risks for children, Mental health and emotional wellbeing of children, Impact of migration, urbanisation, and social change on children, Emerging challenges in ensuring child safety and development