
PREFACE

The problem of Juvenile Delinquency is not only a threat to the physical and material well being of the members of an advanced society but also a challenge to the developing nations. No society is immune to it as it occurs both in rural and urban areas though in varying proportions.

Juvenile Delinquency is a multifactor phenomenon and is primarily due to maladjustment resulting from disharmonious child-parent relationship; break up of families, poverty, and illiteracy, lack of proper control, rapid industrialization, slum culture and unhealthy companionship. Due to maladjustment, the juvenile acquires the habit of taking of drug and alcohol. In 21st Century, the use of drug and alcohol is one of the burning issue with which the society is so entangled. The research work mainly deals with the delinquency of addicted juveniles with special reference to Kamrup (M) district of Assam and suggestive measures to mitigate the delinquency of addicted juveniles and special measures to curb this problem.

For quite a few years, there has been an increasing drug or alcohol addiction among juveniles which emerges the need of its prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. The study focuses that regular offenders tend to begin experimenting with substances at an earlier age than non-regular offenders.

A number of juveniles attributed their criminal behaviour directly to their use of drugs and alcohol. This research reveals causation of juvenile delinquency due to use of drugs or alcohol.

The work primarily focuses on the relationship between delinquency and alcohol and drugs use. It is almost axiomatic to state that substance abuse is considered to be major contributing factor of juvenile delinquency.

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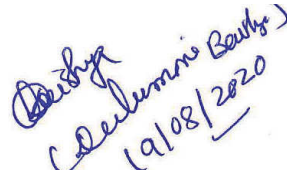
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