

**ISSUES OF CHILDREN
IN
JAMMU AND KASHMIR**
AN INTRODUCTION

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EXPERIENCES AND VULNERABILITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH CHILD ITINERANT
SCRAP BUYERS/COLLECTORS OF
NORTH KASHMIR; A CASE STUDY OF
DISTRICT BARAMULLA

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Abstract:

Children are considered as assets. Their ill treatment and their participation in illegal activities rendered them unproductive. Child labour being one of such illegal economic activity has taken a huge toll on societies across the world. Among child labour activities, one of the least stressed and researched areas are Child Itinerant scrap buyers/collectors. Their presence is found in all developing societies as they are the part of informal economy. Stressing upon the need to conduct a research on child Itinerant scrap buyers/collectors became imperative. The present study thus, aims to find the educational levels of child Itinerant scrap buyers/collectors and the major reasons among children for indulging in such activities. It also aims to find the nature of work they do and critical issues which they face. Due to exploitative nature of work these child workers become more vulnerable and thus susceptible to exploitation.

Key words: Child Labour, Child Worker, Child Itinerants

Introduction

Children are considered as assets by every nation. There is no denying of the fact that the children of today are the grown-