

## **REVISITING CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA {A CASE OF SRINAGAR DISTRICT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR}**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This study revisits the issue of child labour in the north Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. Despite legislations against this practice, child labour keeps flourishing. The study examines the factors responsible for the widespread prevalence of child labour in the automobile and handicraft sectors in Srinagar district of Jammu and Kashmir. The study makes some interesting revelations. It emerges that the socio–economical condition is one of the major factors responsible for child labour in Srinagar. The study shows that the children working in handicraft sector and their families are economically more downtrodden as compared to those of automobile sector. With their parents unable to afford their schooling, the child labourers were found working in extreme and unhygienic informal conditions. A discussion of these findings, policy implication and suggestions to rid the society of child labour are provided.

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