

CHILD LABOUR IN AGRICULTURE

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ABSTRACT

This article attempts to trace the beginning of agriculture or science of farming and its subsequent advancement and inclusion of activities like livestock, forestry, and fishery. Agriculture originated as sustenance activity and progressed to become an international business and is the most important sector of the economy in many developing countries. The main focus of this article is the origin of child labor, reasons for continuous child labor even as the world progressed and how international communities are dealing with the practice of child labor in current times. It also pauses to reflect on some of the serious impacts of heavy agricultural work on the child, the various forms of child employment, various studies done on international and indigenous child labor, ways and efforts to eradicate child labor and the way ahead. In India, most of the farmers are highly debt-ridden. To get rid of this debt they employ their own children to work on their fields which will save their labor charges and they do not have to pay for the education of their children. A government of India also gives various types of subsidies to farmers. Instead of these subsidies, if Investments are made in Agriculture, I think, that will provide great help to farmers and of course, may relieve children from working on fields.

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