Juvenile Delinquency in Uttarakhand
Part I: The Victim of Situational Crime

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ABSTRACT While interviewing the inmates of an observation home, an Uttaranchali poverty stricken, adolescent girl aged 12 was found to be the victim of situational crime. The girl belonged to very poor family. The miserable economic condition of the innocent girl forced her to leave school and work as a maid. After working continuously for six months when her land lady refused to pay her dues she momentarily lost control and blindly hit her which put the girl behind bars.