

Child Labor- A Study from Anthropological Perspective With Special Reference to Glass Industry, Firozabad

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ABSTRACT When children do any work out of their wishes then it is called child work but it is called child labor, when it is under compulsion. Child labor is a complex phenomenon that defies simple solutions. The present paper also focuses on this very problem of child labor but from anthropological perspective. The objective of the study is fourfold: *firstly* to define the concept of child labor and showing it's Indian and International scenario; *secondly* how and why children got engaged in this vicious cycle of bangle making and ultimately become a child labor; *thirdly* to explore the structural roots of the phenomenon and the problems faced by the child labor and their families; and *finally* the study presents anthropological perspective of the problem of child labor which clearly indicates that how child labor is intimately associated with the social, cultural, traditional and economic background of the people living in the area and facing the problems. The paper concludes with certain suggestive measures, which are more of preventive rather than of curative nature and are yet to achieve.