

Street children in India

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Street children are the most vulnerable group in any society and their problem is a global one and exists in both, the developed as well as developing countries though differing in size and magnitude. Street and working children are a universal sight in industrial and cosmopolitan cities and they have been accepted as a necessary evil and the product of urban poverty, overpopulation and breakdown of family system and are labeled as Children in difficult circumstances by UNICEF. Issue of street children has become a serious social problem. If proper steps are not taken, one day social stability will be at stake. Thus, the paper highlights an overview of street children in India. Street children are deprived from basic minimal facilities in life. As a result, they develop a negative attitude towards existing social system and structure.

■ **KEY WORDS** : Street children, Vulnerable population, Abuse

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