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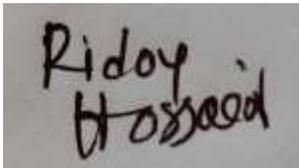
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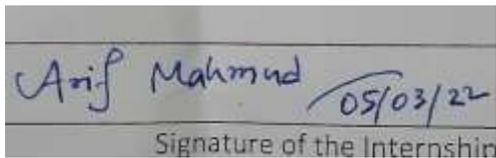
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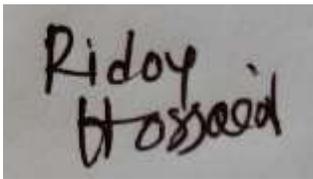
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## **DEDICATION**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This article discusses and analyzes the dominion of drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. Also, on the law related to drugs and adolescent gang in Bangladesh. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. In recent years, Adolescent gang culture has become one of the major problems in Bangladesh. Rise of adolescent gang culture are now rampant in everywhere; it is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development. Basically, drug addiction is causing serious damage to society as well as family. Adolescent gangs are involved in many kinds of heinous act to buy drugs from small crimes to big crimes. Many research works were carried out on the adolescent gang but no research work could change their lifestyle much. To reduce adolescent delinquency, policymakers need to change their attitude toward adolescent. There are not enough adolescent correctional centers in our country and the existing homes do not have enough opportunity to correct themselves. As a result, they rejoin the gang culture and it is of great concern for the whole country.

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## List of Abbreviations

UNCRC	THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHT OF THE CHILD
PC	PENAL CODE 1860
CRPC	CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 1898
IPC	INDIAN PENAL CODE 1860
UN	UNITED NATION

# CHAPTER ONE

## Introduction

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### 1.1 Background of the Stud

Adolescent gang culture has been slowly emerging in Bangladesh for the last one decade. Drug addiction is the cause of 80 percent of all social crimes in the country every year. Since the 1970s gang culture has been rampant in the world. Generally, adolescent gang is spreading in Bangladesh through internet, mobile phones and games. Basically, in big cities including the capital Dhaka adolescent gang is increasing day by day. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. In recent years, Adolescent gang culture has become one of the major problems in Bangladesh. Rise of adolescent gang culture are now rampant in everywhere, such as homes, markets, workplaces, slums and even educational institutions and both rural and urban areas. It is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development and threatening political stability. Basically, drug addiction is causing serious damage to society as well as family. Adolescent gangs are involved in many kinds of heinous act to buy drugs from small crimes to big crimes. For example, snatching, stealing, looting, robbery, rape, murder, kidnapping and ransom and are being committed by adolescent gangs. Basically, all sections of the society are severely affected by this problem. Generally, about 6 million people in Bangladesh are drug addicted and about 80 percent of the drug addicts are adolescent of whom 15 to 30 years of age. Moreover, rise of adolescent gang is closely associated with unconsciousness of parents, unemployment and availability of drugs. Many research works were carried out on the adolescent gang but no research work could change their lifestyle much. To reduce adolescent delinquency, policymakers need to change their attitude toward adolescent. There are not enough adolescent correctional centers in our country and the existing homes do not have enough opportunity to correct themselves. As a result, they rejoin the gang culture and it is of great concern for the whole country.

### 1.2 Objective of the Research

My research objectives are as follows:

- A. Critically review the different forms of crimes of the adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh.
- B. To analyze domination of drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang in Bangladesh
- C. To suggest some probable recommendation regarding the adolescent gang in Bangladesh.

D. To find out the actual reason of domination of the drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang

E. To analyze adolescent gang culture of different countries perspective.

This paper is to analyze the domination of drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. And to analyze the various types of crime in adolescent gang in Bangladesh.

### **1.3 Significance of the Research**

Before conducting the research I tried to the basic loopholes of the domination of drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang culture. What is the significance of my research? Through the study will help to know about the adolescent gang under national and international perspective. Adolescents are various reasons, addicted to drugs and do joining various gangs; it will be overcome through my work. There are many lacking of other works, through my works it will be remove. Even they faced such kind of problems; I strongly believe that they get such opportunity through my work and came clarity. Moreover it will open great opportunities for other researchers concerned with the arena. This research may be very much helpful for the student of law to enrich their own knowledge.

### **1.4 Research Question**

My research questions are as follows:

1. Is there any law to protect the domination of drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh?
2. What are actual reasons behind the rise of adolescent gang culture?
3. What are changes needed to protect the adolescent gang from drugs?

### **1.5 Research Methodology**

In this research I have used qualitative, analytical, doctrinal methodology and includes finding for different types of information. It is primarily analytical based on primary and secondary sources. First I reviewed some books by various scholars, visited several websites and read several journal articles on the domination of drug addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang

culture. I gathered information from newspaper articles. I have included national and international law. I will use the analytical method and make a critical assessment of the available data elements.

### **1.6 Limitations of the Research**

The main limitation of this paper is its extensive reliance on online journals, books and reports. Moreover, the unavailability of data related to the practical situation related to the research problem can also be termed as another limitation. Basically there is a lot of information, but we cannot say that this study is accurate or 100% authentic. There is another problem with deadlines and budgets. In fact, it is very difficult to get a study done properly in a short time on a limited budget.

## CHAPTER TWO

### An Overview of drug Addiction behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh

#### **2.1 Introduction**

Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. Adolescent gang has been slowly emerging in Bangladesh for the last one decade. Basically, in big cities including the capital Dhaka adolescent gang is increasing day by day. In recent years, Adolescent gang has become one of the major problems in Bangladesh. Rise of adolescent gang are now rampant in everywhere, such as homes, markets, workplaces, slums and even educational institutions and both rural and urban areas. Basically, drug addiction is causing serious damage to society as well as family.<sup>1</sup> Adolescent gangs are involved in many kinds of heinous act to buy drugs from small crimes to big crimes. For example, snatching, stealing, looting, robbery, rape, murder, kidnapping and ransom and are being committed by adolescent gangs. Basically, all sections of the society are severely affected by this problem. Adolescent gang crime has become more and more dangerous day by day in Dhaka and outside Dhaka. There are 70 to 75 adolescent gang group in Dhaka and they are drug addicts and about 6 million people in Bangladesh are drug addicted and about 80 percent of the drug addicts are adolescent of whom 15 to 30 years of age. Drug addiction is the major problem behind the rise of adolescent gang culture.<sup>2</sup>

#### **2.2 Recent scenario of the adolescent gang culture**

Adolescent gang culture has taken horrific forms across the country in recent times. They are involved in everything from drug addiction to theft, robbery, eve-teasing, drug dealing, and even minor conflicts with their own inner or other gang groups, even murder. More cause of concern, the involvement of adolescent gang with drug addiction is increasing day by day and the members of various gangs are becoming dangerous with age. <sup>3</sup>Although concentrated in big cities including Dhaka and Chittagong, at present gang culture of teenagers has spread all over the country. Reckless adolescent gang members commit various crimes as they get older and at one stage become drug dealers and terrorists. In this way, the gang of adolescent is growing and

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<sup>1</sup> Shazzad MN Abdul SJ Majumder msm, Sohel Jua, Drug Addiction in Bangladesh And its Effect , The Journal of Medicine d Today ,2013 Volume 25 Number 2

<sup>2</sup> Jugantor, Adolescent Gang Problem: Causes and remedies, 23 April 2021 < <https://www.jugantor.com/todays-paper/sub-editorial/414481/> > Accessed 20 December 2021

<sup>3</sup> The Daily Star, Adolescent Criminal: Is gang culture new, 18 January 2017 < <https://www.thedailystar.net/bangla> > accessed 22 December 2021.

the terror of their crime has spread all over the country. Basically, the brutality of adolescent gang culture was revealed in 2017 by killing Adnan in Uttara. On January 8, 201, Adnan kabir was hacked to death by an adolescent gang in Uttara .there are 70 to 75 adolescent gang active in Dhaka and their number is one and a half to two thousand.

The main base of adolescent gang Are the major areas of the capital such as Uttara, Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Lalbagh and Hazaribagh and old Dhaka.

### **2.3 Availability of drugs**

The availability of drugs is Misguided the adolescent society. Drug addiction is the major cause behind the rise of adolescent gang culture. In recent times, drugs have become much easy in our country. Although Bangladesh is not a drug producing country, drug traffickers are using Bangladesh as a safe transit due to its geographical location. As a result, deadly drugs are being smuggled from different countries. As a result, due to the easy availability of drugs, adolescent gang culture is developing in the country and adolescent are getting involved with drugs. Around three and 3 lakh people across the country are involved in drug trade in various ways. According to the Department of Narcotics Control, the number of drug addicts in the country is 4.8 million of which 90% are adolescent. Drugs are entering every nook and cranny of the country's society. From elite areas to slums, drugs are everywhere. <sup>4</sup>

### **2.4 Reasons of the rise of the adolescent gang**

Various factors of the social system, family, educational institutions, associations, personalities etc. are the reasons for the rise of adolescent gangs. When the poor and the rich live in the same community, the children of poor families are frustrated by comparing their fate with that of the deprived. The family environment in many cases plays a direct role behind this problem. Family breakdown or divorce creates frustration among children in a broken family. Adolescent gangs are more likely to be involved at an early age in drug-addicted families where there are regular drug. The education system is also responsible for the development of this culture. Weak students, for example, form teams. Repeated teacher deprivation, poor results, ridicule from classmates can cause frustration. Frustration can lead to a tendency to joining gang later.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> The Dhaka Apologue, Gang Culture: The worst Excess of Juvenile Delinquency, 18 November 2020 < <https://thisistda.net/11957/gang-culture-the-worst-excess-of-juvenile-delinquency/?>> Accessed 22 December 2021.

<sup>5</sup> BBC News, Adolescent gang: The way a gang of adolescent delinquents is formed, 17 September 2019 <<https://www.bbc.com/bengali/news-49717250> > Accessed 23, December 2021.

The main reasons of the rise adolescent gangs are:

- Dropping out of school.
- Unemployment.
- Broken family.
- Extreme poverty.
- Drug and alcohol abuse.
- Neglect of parents.
- Forced child labor.
- Extra governance.
- Lack of social, religious and moral education.
- Marital strife where there is a lack of passion, love.

## **2.5 Crimes organized by adolescent gang**

Although the trend of organized crime by adolescent gangs has increased in Bangladesh, in recent times this trend has increased unimaginably. Drugs, depression, anarchy and poverty are the main causes of adolescent crimes in the society. In the polluted environment of the city and criminal activities like illiteracy, hunger, poverty, theft of adolescent, snatching, pickpocketing are being organized by adolescent gangs. The gang culture of adolescent and all the horrific images of their organized crime also come out in the district towns including the capital. All these gangs have become a cause of concern and panic in the society.<sup>6</sup>

**Crimes organized by adolescent gangs are:** Drug dealing, rape, theft, eve-teasing, extortion and murder. Adolescent gang this types of crimes are constantly organized. Changed in socio-economic conditions, drug addiction and the availability of the Internet. The main reasons for the increase in crime among adolescent.

## **2.6 Effects of adolescent gang**

Effects of Adolescent gang culture are now rampant in everywhere, such as homes, markets, workplaces, slums and even educational institutions and both rural and urban areas. It is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development. Basically, gang is causing serious damage to society, economic as well as family. In recent years, Adolescent gang

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<sup>6</sup> Anuska Zafar, Samira Ahmed Raha, sajjib Rana: Exploring Older Adolescents (Age 15-19) Perceptions About Substance Abuse In Urban Slums, June 2021 Journal of BRAC school of public health.

culture has become one of the major problems in Bangladesh. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. The effects of adolescent gangs destroy the future prospects of the country, nation and society. The effect of adolescent crime is the deterioration of peace and order in educational institutions and the destruction of a conducive learning environment. Crimes to abduction, rape, acid throwing etc. Due to adolescent crime, drug addiction and sexual misconduct are on the rise in the society, which is degrading the moral values of the society. Apart from this, disobedience of parents and elders, misbehavior and disorder in family life are being destroyed adolescent. The effects of adolescent gang are increasing day by day, which is a cause of concern.<sup>7</sup>

## **2.7 Conclusion**

We know that the Adolescent gang culture has been slowly emerging in Bangladesh for the last one decade. Generally, adolescent gang is spreading in Bangladesh through internet, mobile phones and games. Basically, in big cities including the capital Dhaka adolescent gang is increasing day by day. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh. In this study described the lifestyle of adolescent gang and how they are involved in various crimes day by day. Rise of adolescent gang culture are now rampant in everywhere, such as homes, markets, workplaces, slums and even educational institutions and both rural and urban areas. It is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development. Basically, drug addiction is causing serious damage to society, economic as well as family. Basically, all sections of the society are severely affected by this problem. In order to reduce adolescent gang in Bangladesh, policy makers need to change their perspective.

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<sup>7</sup>K.M Rashedul Alam:Khair Ahmed,Mohammad abu tareq rony,zannatul Ferdous, A Comparative Machine Learning Study to Predict Drug Addiction in Bangladesh.The Journal of dhaka tribune 2018.

## CHAPTER THREE

### Types of drug users and threat impact of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh

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#### 3.1 What kind of drugs are available in Bangladesh

Recently, drug use in Bangladesh is increasing at an alarming rate. Our adolescents are severely addicted to drugs, there are no accurate statistics on how much drugs are used in Bangladesh and how many people are addicted. However, 17% of the population of Bangladesh uses drugs. Recently different types of drugs are available in Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, drug addicts use at least 20 types of drugs besides Yaba, Gaza, Heroin. According to the department of narcotics control, 24 types of drugs have been recovered in the country.<sup>8</sup>

Kind of Drugs use in Bangladesh:

- Yaba
- Gaza
- Heroin
- Phensidyl
- Alcohol
- Sleeping pill

#### 3.2 Which drugs are most used by adolescent gang culture

At present, drug addiction has taken a terrible shape in our country. The level of drug use among the adolescent gang has also increased more than other times. From the city to the village, to the alleys, the drug poison has spread everywhere. Domestic and international research shows that two-thirds of drug users are adolescent gang. The aggression of drug addiction is slowly engulfing the adolescent gang.<sup>9</sup>

There are many types of drugs available in our country but the drugs that adolescent gang use the most are:

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<sup>8</sup> Abdullah al mamun, Youth gang culture: A threat to the erosion of social values, 2020, International Journal of progressive.

<sup>9</sup> Manuscript, Gang youth, Substance use, and drug normalization, 2012, Journal of youth studies.

- Yaba
- Heroin
- Alcohol
- Gaza
- Phencidyl

Yaba tablet, Herion, Phencidal and Gaza are currently very popular among adolescent gang.

### **3.3 Harmful effects of drug use on adolescent gang**

Drug addiction is a serious problem in our country. Yaba, Phensidyl, Gaza, Heroin, Alcohol, Smoking are prevalent drugs. Many adolescent do not know what kind of harm these drugs do to our body. Let's find out the harmful aspects of drugs.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Harmful effects of Yaba:**

Yaba consumption destroys memory and ability to pay attention. There is a tendency to commit suicide by consuming Yaba for a long time. Sexual energy is lost and infertility occurs. Bleeding occurs in the brain, Liver and kidney are damaged.

#### **Harmful effects of Gaza:**

When adolescent consume Gaza have less ability to judge good or bad. And decreased eyesight and memory.

#### **Harmful effects of Phencidyl or Heroin:**

Excessive use of phencidyl or heroin cause inflammation of the lungs or heart and prolonged use cause impotence or infertility.

### **3.4 What kind of people are involved in adolescent gang culture**

In recent times, the involvement of adolescent gang culture has become a major problem in Bangladesh. Gang culture is growing alarmingly in Bangladesh and people are getting involved with this gang day by day. Most of those involved in gang culture are adolescent. The main reasons for getting involved in gang culture are drug addiction and most of the people are getting involved adolescent. And various factors of the social system, family, educational institutions, associations, personalities, etc., people are getting involved in adolescent gangs. When the rich

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<sup>10</sup> The Daily Star, Teen gang culture: Too dangerous to be ignored, November 2020 < <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/teen-gang-culture-too-dangerous> > Accessed 25 December 2021.

and the poor live in the same community, the children of poor families become frustrated by comparing their fate with those of the deprived. The family environment in many cases plays a direct role behind this problem. Family breakdown or divorce creates frustration among children in a broken family. Adolescent gangs are more likely to be involved at an early age in drug-addicted families where there is regular drug use. The education system is also responsible for the development of this culture. Weak students, for example, form teams. Repeated teacher deprivation, poor results, ridicule from classmates can cause frustration. Frustration can then lead to a tendency to join gang culture. Basically, different types of disadvantaged people are becoming involved in adolescent gangs, and the biggest concern is that most of those involved in gang culture are adolescent.<sup>11</sup>

### **3.5 The age of adolescent involved in gang culture**

It is important to know what age teenagers are involved in gang culture. According to various studies, their age is more than 12 to 17 years. Eighty percent of drug addicts in Bangladesh are adolescent. And 80 percent are involved in various terrorist activities. According to a UN report on the drug situation in Bangladesh, 6 lakh people in the country are addicted to drugs. Males constitute 84% of the population and females 16%. Around three and a half lakh people across the country are involved in drug trade in various ways. According to the Department of Narcotics Control, the number of drug addicts in the country is 7 million. 90% of them are adolescents.

### **3.6 What kind of crimes the adolescent gang commit due to drugs abuse**

In recent years, Adolescent gang culture has become one of the major problems in Bangladesh. Adolescents are involved in drug addiction. The adolescent of the country today are on the verge of destruction of drugs. No one is left out of this destructive pastime. Adolescent culture is getting involved in terrible intoxication. There is no class except the children of middle class and upper class families. According to the statistics of the Department of Narcotics, the number of drug addicts in the country is 6 million. His teenager has more than 6 lakh drug addicts. However, according to various non-governmental organizations, this number is even higher. According to the Department of Narcotics Control, teenagers first enter the world of drugs with cigarettes. Then they gradually became addicted to various drugs including Gaza, Phencidyl and Yaba. Reckless adolescent gang commit various crimes as they get older and at one stageb

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<sup>11</sup> DW, There are 24 types of drug use in Bangladesh, 19 June 2018 <<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://amp.dw.com/bn/>>\_ Accessed 26 December 2021

Become drug dealers and terrorists. In this way, the gang of adolescent is growing and the terror of their crime has spread all over the country.<sup>12</sup>

Adolescent gang commit various crimes due to drugs use:

- Eve –teasing
- Theft
- Rape
- Extortion
- Drug dealing
- Murder

Adolescent gang this types of crimes due to drugs use .and these types of crimes are increasing day by day. Which is cause of concern.

### **3.7 Effects of drug addiction on society**

The prevalence of drug addiction has also increased in Bangladesh. As a result of the spread of drugs, people from different walks of life are becoming addicted, which is a cause for concern. Social degradation is on the rise due to drug addiction, moral values are eroding in the society. Confidence among the family members is breaking down; panic is being created in the society. Drugs are taking away the life of an adolescent man, brother is killing brother because of drugs, sister is not safe with drug addicted brother, husband is killing wife, son is killing father, Mother is killing his child by hired killer.<sup>13</sup> Domestic violence is on the rise due to drug addiction, violence against women is on the rise, divorce is on the rise and suicide is on the rise. However, the propensity for the spread of drugs among adolescent people is very high. Due to the uncertainty of education, the curse of unemployment, the scourge of poverty, the adolescent are drifting towards drug addiction. Due to the lack of moral compassion of the addicts, they are engaging in unjust and anti-social activities. Due to the high price of drugs, drug addicts are trying to earn money illegally. It is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development. Basically, drug addiction is causing serious damage to society, economic as well as family.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Daily Inqilab, Teen gangs must be stopped by any means,1 October 2021<  
<https://m.dailyinqilab.com/article/421834/>> Accessed 19 November 2021.

<sup>13</sup> Samakal, The nature of the teen gangs subculture, 15 October 2020< <https://samakal.com/editorial-subeditorial/article/201040205/> > Accessed 12 November 2021.

<sup>14</sup> State watch, The legal system of the country is helpless to the adolescent gang,31 march 2021<<https://statewatch.net/post/88> > 21november 2021.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### Existing Law relating to drugs and adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh

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#### 4.1 Laws applicable in Bangladesh relating to drug addiction and adolescent gangs

Various laws have been established in Bangladesh regarding adolescent delinquency and drug addiction. Narcotics control act 2018 and Children act 2013, penal code 1860.<sup>15</sup>

#### 4.2 Drug control act 2018

The main purpose of this act, drug control, supply, prevention of drug abuse and smuggling and provisions for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts. <sup>16</sup>According to section 6 of the second chapter of the drug control act 2018.<sup>17</sup>

According to section 6

- The functions of section will be as follows:
  1. To take necessary measures to prevent drug.
  2. To conduct any kind of research or survey to collect all the information related to drug addiction.
  3. To take measures related to production, supply, use and control of drug addiction.
  4. To necessary educational and promotional activities to increase public awareness about the negative effects of drugs.
  5. To take necessary measures for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addiction.
- According to section 9 of third chapter of drug control act 2018, production of drugs other than alcohol is prohibited but in Bangladesh now all kinds of drugs are available such as Yaba, Gaza, Heroin, and Phencidyl.
- According to section 24(2) 1, If any presence of any drug is detected in the limbs of a person after examination in accordance with the provisions of sub section (1) then may be arrested for the offense of drug offence punishable under the provisions of sub section 37.
- If any evidence of possession, use or application of any drug by a person is found after examination in accordance with the provisions of sub section or in case of violation of

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<sup>15</sup> Section 6 of Drug control act 2018

<sup>16</sup> Ibid section 9

<sup>17</sup> Ibid section 24(2)

clause (c) of section 2 or provision of section (f) of section 10, such person may be arrested for punishable drug offense .

- According to section 36 (2) If any person commits another drug offense after being convicted and convicted of a drug offense ,the penalty for that offense is not death or life imprisonment but shall be punished with a maximum of double the penalty for the offense under that act.
- According to section 36 (3) If a person commits a drug offense again after being convicted for the second time for a drug offense, shall be punishable with a fine the offense. Sentenced to death or life imprisonment.
- According to section 36 (4) anything contained in this act, if an accused does not appear to be a drug offender other than a drug addicts, the court may considered that person to be a drug addicts. Medical center at the expense of his family. The drug addicts may be sent for treatment and if the drug addicts refuse to seek treatment for such drug addiction will be punished with imprisonment of not less than 6 month and fine of 5 years.
- According to section 36 (5) A person who drinks alcohol or disturbs the peace of the people in any state of drug addicts or works under the influence of addicts or drives under the influence of drug addicts shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding 1 year and fine.

### **4.3 Children act 2013**

The main goal of this children act that , Prevention of drug addicts children and treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts children and preventing children from engaging in various crimes.<sup>18</sup>

- According to section 4: anything contained in this act, for the purpose of this act, all persons up to the age of 18 years shall be deemed to be children.
- According to section 44(1) anything contained in this section, no child under the age of 9 may be arrested or in any case detained under any circumstances.
- Section 44(2) anything contained in any other law, no child shall be arrested or detained under any law relating to restraining order.
- According to section 73: if a person prescribes or prescribes intoxicating drugs or drugs to be a child due to illness or any other of a qualified doctor, he shall be deemed to have committed an offense under this act and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or not 1 lakh will be fined or both.
- According to section 74: if a person takes a child to place selling drugs or dangerous drugs or if the owner or responsible person of the place allows a child to enter the place or if a person causes the movement of a child in that place, then it is considered as an

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<sup>18</sup> Ibid section 36(2), 3, 4, and 5.

offense .and shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or with a fine not exceeding 1 lakh taka or with both.

- According to section 79 (1): if a person carries or transports firearms or illegal and prohibited elements by a child the person concerned shall be deemed to have committed an offense under this act and for such offense shall be punished with imprisonment not more than 3 years or not more than 1 year of taka will be fined or both.
- Section 79 (2): if a person engages or uses a child in a terrorist act referred to in section 6 of anti-terrorism act 2009.shall be punished .

#### **4.4 Are those laws sufficient to prevent such gang culture in Bangladesh?**

Those laws are not sufficient to prevent gang culture in Bangladesh .Drug control act,2018 and the children act ,2013 and penal code 1860 is not enough ,because according to the children act 2013: if a child commits a crime before the age of 18,it will not be considered a crime in any way. According to section, 82,of penal code that, if a child commits a crime within 9 years ,it will not be considered a crime and 83 of penal code that, if a child more than 9 but less than 12 prevent gang culture in Bangladesh .basically, the tendency to commits violent crimes such as murder ,rape has increased alarmingly and continues to do. Most of the gang cultures are addicted to drugs .so drugs domination is the biggest reason behind the growth of adolescent gangs. It is important to know the age of the adolescent, who are joining the gang at an age. According to various studies ,their age is more than 12 to 17 years .Adolescents usually commit years of age commits a crime, it will not be considered a crime.so those laws are not sufficient to more crimes at this age.so those laws are not Sufficient to prevent gang culture in Bangladesh. <sup>19</sup>

#### **4.5 What are the changes needed to protect the adolescent from such gang culture?**

Adolescent gang culture has taken horrific forms across the country in recent times. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh.so Everyone should keep an eye on every child at a young age, find out what they are doing and spend time with them as friends. <sup>20</sup>To reduce juvenile delinquency, policymakers need to change their approach. It is important to look at the activities of children and adolescents from the point of view of mental health without looking at them as criminals. In our country, <sup>21</sup>there are not enough facilities for juvenile correction. <sup>22</sup>There are two in Gazipur and one in Jessore. One of them is Gazipur girls. In all, these three have a capacity of only 600 people. Due to this a large part of the detained children are in jails and they have no place in the development

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<sup>19</sup> Section 4 of children act 2013

<sup>20</sup> Ibid section 44(1,2)

<sup>21</sup> Ibid section 73,74,

<sup>22</sup> Ibid section 79(1,2)

center.<sup>23</sup> Annual cultural programs like music, painting, will be organized in the educational institutions including Shishu Academy, so that the adolescents can participate in thinking and creative activities under the government.<sup>24</sup> Management In addition, to improve the situation, community leadership needs to be strengthened, school authorities and religious institutions need to work together and assist law enforcement. Healthy recreation can also play an important role in society. The child needs to be taught different traits, give him time and at the same time pay attention to the child's behavior so that the family education is maintained. The school authorities need to check regularly that the class is going well; whether, there is drug use, ragging etc. in the school. The country's law enforcement forces must also come forward. This problem is much easier to control if you can create a database by collecting information about gangs. Wherever gang members hang out, there must be a strong presence of law enforcement agencies. The patrons and regulators of this cycle must be brought under the law.<sup>25</sup>

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## CHAPTER FIVE

### A comparative study on crimes committed by adolescent gang culture in different countries

#### **5.1 laws relating to adolescent in India**

Various laws have been established in Indian regarding adolescent delinquency. The juvenile justice act 2000 and the Indian penal code 1860.<sup>26</sup>

#### **The juvenile justice act 2000**

In India after passing the juvenile justice act 2000, any person under the age of 18 is considered a child as an adult. The development index of a country depends on the quality of human resources. And children ensure the future of a country and thus, a greater responsibility rests on the state Proper development of children in this country. According to the UN Charter of Rights Child, a child means every person under the age of 18 under the law, if not the same applies to the child, the majority is achieved first. The main goal of this juvenile justice act that , Prevention of drug addicts children and treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts children and preventing children from engaging in various crimes.<sup>27</sup>

The juvenile justice act 2000 under section 25: Anyone who gives or causes to be given any intoxicating liquor or any intoxicating drug or psychotropic substance in a public place without the order of a competent physician or in case of illness will be punished with imprisonment .the term can be extended up to three years and a fine must be paid.

The juvenile justice act 2000 under section 62: Each state government will set u a child protection unit for the state and for each district a national unit consisting of such officers and other staff as may be appointed by that government to take care of the needs of adolescent. For. Conflicts with the law are aimed at ensuring the implementation of this law, including the establishment and maintenance of homes, notification of appropriate authorities about these children and their rehabilitation and coordination with various concerned officials and private agencies.

The juvenile justice act 2000 under section 40:A child's rehabilitation and social reintegration will begin when the child is in a child's home or special home and rehabilitation and social reintegration of children will be done alternately.

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<sup>26</sup> The Asianage, Gang culture on the rise in country,20 November 2020 < <https://dailyasianage.com/news/247577/gang-culture-on-the-rise-in-country?fbclid> > 5 January 2022.

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### **5.3 The Indian penal code 1860(82, 83,)**

The Indian penal code 1860 under section 82: if is not a crime committed by a child under the age of seven.<sup>28</sup>

The Indian penal code 1860 under section 83: it is not a crime committed by a child above the age of seven. Under twenty years, those who are not mature enough to judge nature and the consequences of his behavior on that occasion. To ensure that people come forward to help children danger.<sup>29</sup>

### **5.4 Crimes organized by adolescent gang in India**

Since the 1970s gang culture has been rampant in the world. Adolescent gang is increasing day by day in India. In recent years, Adolescent gang has become one of the major problems in India. Basically, 56 percent of the crime organized by adolescent gangs in India. Drugs, depression, unconsciousness, anarchy and poverty are the main causes of adolescent crimes in the society. These gangs have become a cause of concern and panic in the society. Crimes organized by adolescent gangs in India are: Drug trafficking, rape, theft, eve-teasing, extortion, even murder. Adolescent gang this types of crimes are constantly organized .Basically, Changed socio-economic conditions, poverty, unconsciousness and the availability of drugs. The main reasons for the increase in crime among adolescent in India.<sup>30</sup>

### **5.5 Raito of Crimes commission by adolescent gang in India and Bangladesh Impact of adolescent gang culture in both countries**

In recent times Bangladesh and India adolescent gang culture has grown alarmingly. The involvement of adolescent gang culture has become a major problem in Bangladesh and India. Gang culture is growing alarmingly in Bangladesh and India people are getting involved with this gang day by day. Most of those involved in gang culture are adolescent. The main reasons for getting involved in gang culture are drug addiction, poverty, unconsciousness.

#### **Impact of Bangladesh**

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<sup>28</sup> Section 82 of the Indian penal code 1860.

<sup>29</sup> Ibid section 83

<sup>30</sup> Bd news, Amendment of adolescent law in India: Full punishment in 18 years,12 December 2015 < <https://bangla.bdnews24.com/neighbour/article1076096.bdnews>> Accessed 3 January 2022.

Effects of Adolescent gang culture are now rampant in everywhere, such as homes, markets, workplaces, slums and even educational institutions and both rural and urban areas. They are involved in everything from drug addiction to theft, robbery, eve-teasing, drug dealing, and even minor conflicts with their own inner or other gang groups, even murder .It is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development. Basically, gang is causing serious damage to society, economic as well as family. In recent years, Adolescent gang culture has become one of the major problems in Bangladesh. Apart from this, disobedience of parents and elders, misbehavior and disorder in family life are being destroyed adolescent. The effects of adolescent gang are increasing day day, which is a cause of concern. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in Bangladesh.<sup>31</sup>

### **Impact in India**

Undoubtedly, after the social and economic development of the last two centuries, there has been a massive change in the adolescent gangs in India. Social relations have changed almost everywhere in India. The strong social cohesion of the joint family and the adolescent, which was a common rule in India, has now become less common. Adolescent people are no longer under the strict control of family members and relatives, leading to an increase in adolescent delinquency and crime. Effects of Adolescent gang culture are now rampant in everywhere, such as homes, markets, workplaces, slums and even educational institutions and both rural and urban areas. It is not only concerned with crimes but also hampering socio-economic development. Basically, gang is causing serious damage to society, economic as well as family. In recent years, Adolescent gang culture has become one of the major problems in India. Apart from this, disobedience of parents and elders, misbehavior and disorder in family life are being destroyed adolescent. The effects of adolescent gang are increasing day by day. Domination of drug addiction is the major cause of concern behind the rise of adolescent gang culture in India.<sup>32</sup>

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## CHAPTER SIX

### CONCLUSION

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#### 6.1 Findings

From this study, the followings issues have been identified:

- Domination of drug addiction is the most important issue in Bangladesh behind the rise of adolescent gang, which is currently a cause of concern.
- Bangladesh has different provisions regarding adolescent delinquency, but it is not enough for adolescents.
- The availability of drugs is Misguided the adolescent society.
- There are not enough adolescent correctional centers in our country.
- Unconsciousness of parents.
- Unemployment.
- Availability of smart phone and internet.
- When the poor and the rich live in the same community, the children of poor families are frustrated by comparing their fate with that of the deprived.
- As a result of extra governance, adolescent joined the gang.
- Lack of social, religious and moral education, adolescent joined the gang.
- Changed socio-economic conditions.
- Polluted environment.

#### 5.2 Recommendations

Issues identified in this paper can probably be resolved by implementing and adopting the following means and methods:

- Adolescents have to be brought under proper surveillance of the family as well as the applicable laws.
- Parents need to be awareness.
- Reducing extra governances.

- Reducing unemployment.
- Reducing availability of drugs.
- Reducing availability of smart phone or internet.
- Increased awareness of negative effects of drugs.
- To ensure adolescent correctional centers.
- To ensure social, religious and moral education.
- Law enforcement need to be more awareness.
- The adolescent need to be taught different trials, given time and at the same time pay attention to the child, s behavior.
- Wherever gang members hang out, there must be a strong presence of police.
- To reduce adolescent delinquency, policy makers need to change their perspectives.
- Government should organize various cultural events for the participation of adolescents in creative and development of talents.

Everyone should keep an eye on every child at a adolescent age, keep an eye on what they are doing and spend time with them like a friend. To reduce adolescent delinquency, policymakers need to change their approach. It is important to look at the activities of children and adolescents from the point of view of mental health without looking at them as criminals.

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