

Discuss some of the functions and responsibilities of Juvenile Justice System. Do you believe that Juvenile Justice played its role in prevention of Juvenile crimes in Pakistan.

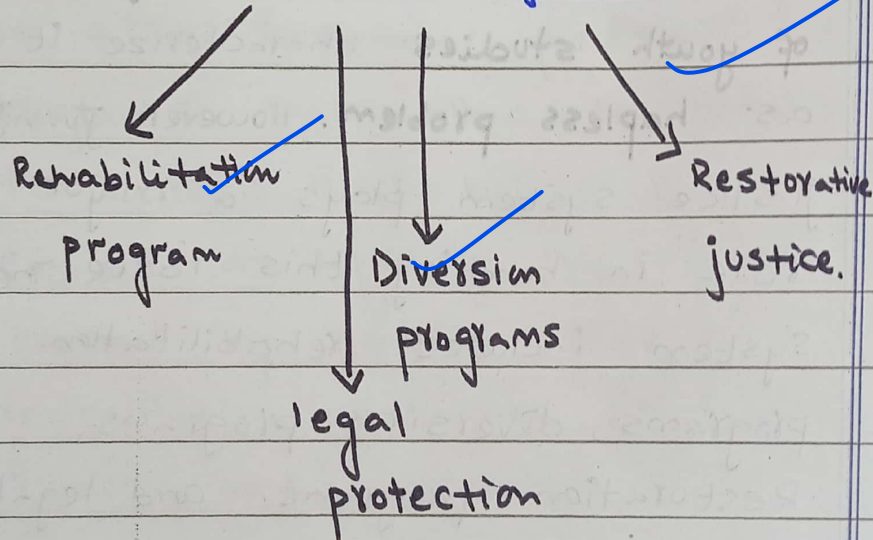
Introduction:

Juvenile Delinquency is a substantial issue. The Journal of youth studies characterize it as hapless problem. However, juvenile justice system plays a major role in handling this issue. The system includes rehabilitation programs, diversion programs, Restoration programs and legal protection. The juvenile justice system in Pakistan has provided legal protection to juvenile but it face numerous challenges like lack of infrastructure, overcrowded juvenile detention

and delay in Implementation of Reforms.

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2a. Legal Protection

The Primary function of juvenile justice system is to provide legal protection to the juvenile. That actively demonstrate that the crime is committed by the minor and they shouldn't be treated as adults.

2b. Rehabilitation Programs.

It's the responsibility of juvenile justice system to engage the juvenile in rehabilitation programs that includes community engagement.

"The big brother big sisters program plays a substantial in development of juvenile, where a juvenile was under the supervision of a mentor."

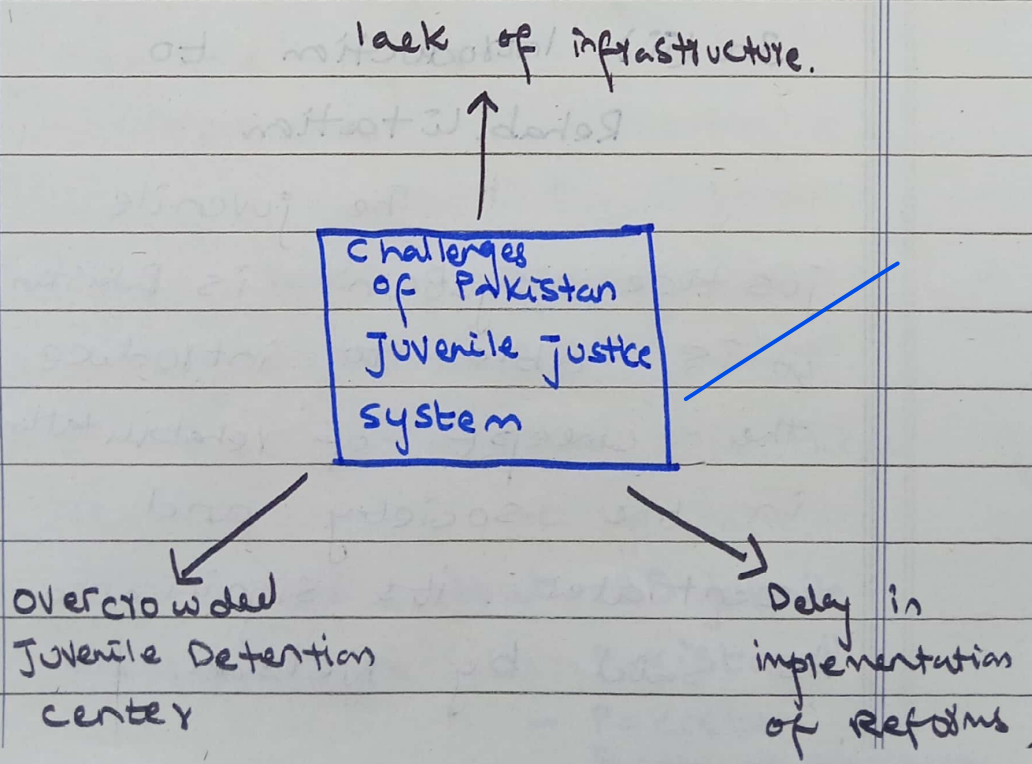
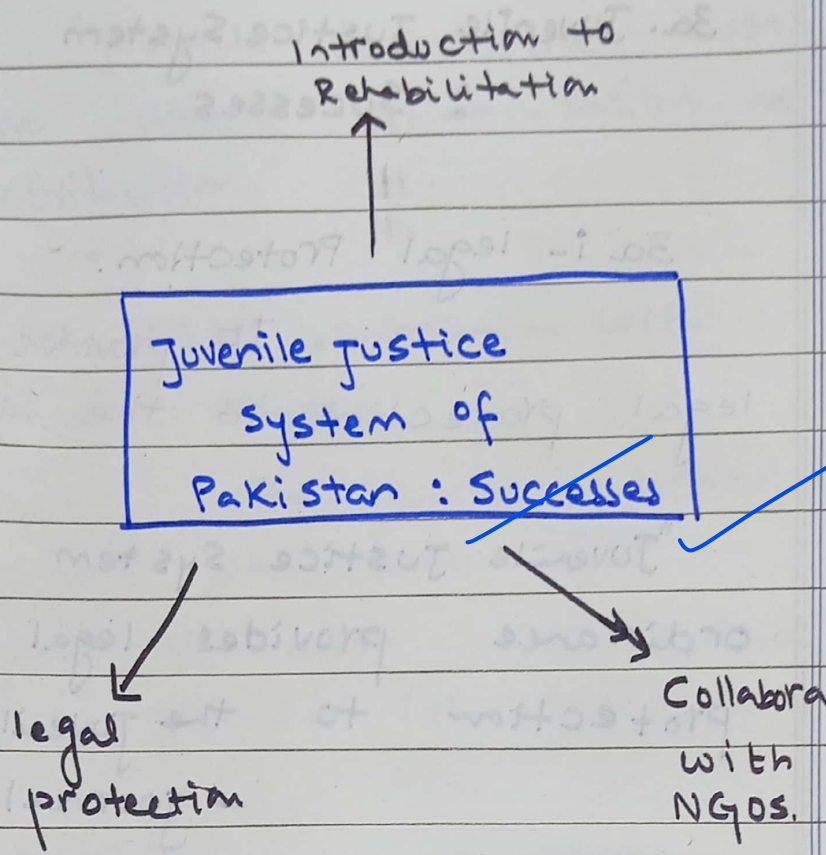
2c. Diversion programs

In many cases diversion programs are used in which the juvenile avoid the legal prosecution and they are allowed to correct their behaviour without any criminal charges.

2d. Restorative Programs

The juvenile justice system is also responsible for restorative programs that allow the juvenile to correct their behaviour. It focuses on repairing the harm caused by juvenile through reconciliation between the offenders, victims and the community.

4. Juvenile Justice System of Pakistan



3a. Juvenile Justice System : Successes

3a i- legal Protection.

It provides legal protection to the minors.

"Juvenile Justice System ordinance provides legal protection to the juvenile."

- Journal of youth studies

3a (ii) Introduction to Rehabilitation

The juvenile justice system is Pakistan is able to introduce the concept of rehabilitation in the society and accentuates its significance.

As said by Nelson

Mandela,

"Juvenile Delinquency must be about Rehabilitation, not Retribution."

3a (iii) Collaboration with NGOs:

The juvenile justice system was also able to collaborate with numerous NGOs that provide rehabilitation to juvenile. These NGOs include Sahil and SPARC.

3b - Challenges of Juvenile Justice System Pakistan

3b (i) lack of infrastructure

The Pakistan juvenile justice system lacks proper infrastructure for accommodation of juvenile.

"There are about 25 juvenile reformatories in Pakistan."

- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

3b (ii) overcrowded juvenile Detention center.

Due to lack of infrastructure the juvenile detention center are over crowded.

" As per report of Eurasim Review and Analysis about 16000 ^{Juvenile} ↑ are incarcerated, and about 30% of them are girls."

3b (iii) Delay in Implementation of Reforms

Another major challenge of juvenile justice system in Pakistan is that a number of cases are pending and there is a delay in implementation of Reforms.

Also the juvenile justice committee created 5 years ago is still

dysfunctional.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, juvenile justice system is responsible for rehabilitation of juvenile and restorative purposes. Also, the juvenile justice system in Pakistan played an imperative role in providing legal protection and rehabilitation to juvenile. However it faces challenges such as delay in implementation of reforms and lack of infrastructure.