

# NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHT'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION, RELAUNCH OF JOURNAL ON THE RIGHTS OF
THE CHILD OF NLUO AND LAUNCH OF 3RD EDITION OF THE
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#### • ABOUT THE EVENT

The Centre for Child Rights (CCR) at National Law University Odisha celebrated its 10th anniversary on April 12, 2025, marking a decade of pioneering scholarship, advocacy and practice in the field of child rights. The event brought together a vibrant coalition of judicial members, academic experts, practitioners, students and media, all united in their commitment to advancing justice and protection for every child. The event was graced by Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho (Orissa High Court), who delivered the formal address as chief guest, and Prof Ved Kumari (Vice Chancellor and Patron-in-Chief), among other eminent dignitaries and child rights champions from the judiciary, academia, civil society and international organizations namely Subhendu Bhattacharjee (Policy and Knowledge Exchange Director, CRY), Sourav Bhattacharjee (Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF) and many others.

#### Relaunch of the Journal

- The Centre for Child Rights successfully hosted the relaunch of its flagship publication Journal on the Rights of the Child after the post pandemic hiatus. The Journal now enters a new phase as an open-access, biannual, blind peer-reviewed publication, reaffirming its commitment to accessible and advanced academic discourse on issues related to child rights.
- The relaunched Volume VI, Issue 1, features a diverse and thought provoking collection of 14 original contributions, including research papers, case commentaries, opinion pieces and infographics. The edition addresses a wide spectrum of contemporary child rights issues including juvenile bail jurisprudence, education rights, digital safety and the rights of refugee children.
- The journal continues to be guided by a distinguished advisory board, featuring some of the most eminent global names in Law and Justice i.e. Justice Madan Lokur, Justice Gita Mittal, Prof Bernd-Deiter Meier, Prof Christopher Birbeck and Prof Bhavani P Panda. It also upholds rigorous academic and ethical standards, positioning itself as a vital resource for practitioners, policymakers and scholars.

#### **Acknowledging the Members**

#### **Faculty and Leadership:**

- Prof Ved Kumari (Vice Chancellor, Patron-in-Chief)
- Prof Biraj Swain (Chief Minister's Chair Professor & Director)

- Dr Swagatika Samal (Senior Researcher)
- Dr Pradipta K Sarangi (Senior Researcher)
- Mr. Amulya K Swain (Office Administrator)
- Mr. Ankit K Keshri (UNICEF Consultant)
- Dr Shubhanginee Singh (Co-Director)
- Dr Rashmi Rekha Baug (Co-Director)

#### **Student Members:**

- Dhruv Dhingra (Convenor)
- Aradhana Nayak (Co-Convenor)
- Anuj Kulhar (Advisor)
- Avismrita Shyamali Mishra (Mentor)
- Madhulika Tripathy (Mentor)
- Suraj Mishra (Secretary)
- Jyotirmaya Choudhary (Joint Secretary)
- Priyanka P Das (Social Media Team)
- Kashish Rathore (Social Media Team)
- Abhinandan (Research & Documentation)
- Poorna Mishra (Research & Documentation)
- Amit K Samal (Research & Documentation)
- Ishika Bhattacharyya (Research & Documentation)
- Kriti Jain (Events & Logistics)
- Shahnaz Najm Chowdhury (Events & Logistics)
- Akshat Prakash (Member)
- Sriti Basu (Member)
- Sushant Mishra (Member)
- Reyansh Thakur (Member)
- Bharat B Tayal (Member)

These students lead key initiatives such as the bi-monthly newsletter, social media outreach and public education campaigns including explainers on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), ensuring the Centre's work is both impactful and widely disseminated.

#### PROCEEDINGS

#### • PROF BIRAJ SWAIN'S OPENING REMARKS

#### **Celebrating a Decade of Commitment**

- Prof Biraj Swain delivered the opening address, setting the tone for the celebrations.
   She warmly acknowledged the presence of several key stakeholders and contributors to the CCR's journey, including Prof. Anand Pradhan, Ms. Sangeeta Agarwal, Ms. Shobha Surien, Mr. Pramod Acharya, and members of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB).
- She further extended her heartfelt appreciation to the CCR team, co-directors, and the broader support network that has sustained the centre over the years. Special mention was made of Dr. Archana Sahu, Librarian at NLUO, for her continued support.
- Prof Swain took a moment to express her deep gratitude to Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor of NLUO, acknowledging her instrumental role in instituting the Chief Minister's Chair Professorship in 2023, a key development in strengthening CCR's institutional vision and reach.
- Prof Biraj Swain emphasized that the 10th anniversary marks not just the Centre's existence, but a recommitment to its core mandate: protecting and promoting child rights in all their dimensions-legal, social and practical.
- She highlighted that children are not only the future but also the present, deserving the best opportunities to realize their potential, regardless of their background.

#### Centre's Unique Legacy and Evolution

- CCR is the oldest research centre at NLUO and the second oldest of its kind in any
  National Law University in India. It is also home to the only Chair Professorship on
  Child Rights in any Indian university, thanks to the efforts of Prof. Ved Kumari and
  support from the Government of Odisha.
- The Centre began with a focus on juvenile justice, aiming to strengthen Juvenile Justice
  Boards and Child Welfare Committees, but has since evolved into a national and global
  thought leader on all aspects of child rights.

#### **Expanding Impact and Activities**

- CCR's work now spans research, teaching, policy advocacy and community action, including building child-friendly communities through its flagship KUTUMB intervention, in line with India's Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Centre bridges the gap between law and lived realities by offering experiential courses such as Child Rights and Food and Nutrition Justice, which are among the most popular electives at NLUO.

#### **Knowledge Dissemination and Student Engagement**

- Prof Swain announced the relaunch of the Centre's flagship, blind peer-reviewed Journal on the Rights of the Child, featuring 14 original works in its special anniversary edition and acknowledged messages of support from eminent jurists and academics.
- The third edition of the Centre's bi-monthly newsletter, authored and edited by students, was also unveiled, underscoring the vital role of student engagement and leadership.

#### **Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Approach**

- Prof Swain stressed the Centre's interdisciplinary composition, drawing expertise from law, public health, sociology, media ethics and more, to ensure holistic advocacy for children's rights.
- She concluded with a call for solidarity and collaboration, quoting Maina Kai [who is also the first and only United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association]: "We do not live single-issue lives, we do not fight single-issue struggles," highlighting the importance of intersectionality in child rights work.

#### **Final Thought**

"Justice for children cannot remain an idea. It must become a delivered right. We are here to make that happen-not just in Odisha, not just in India, but anywhere and everywhere."

#### • PROF VED KUMARI'S SPEECH

- **Personal Journey & Empathy:** Prof. Ved Kumari shared her transformative experience working with children in conflict with the law, emphasizing that understanding and empathy reveal the humanity and potential in every child, even those who have committed serious offenses. She highlighted the importance of seeing children as individuals and agents, not just as problems or cases.
- Child Rights Approach: She underscored the need for a genuine child rights approachrecognizing children as active agents with rights, not merely as passive recipients of adult intervention.
- Integration & Growth of the Centre: Prof. Kumari expressed her vision for an integrated Centre for Child Rights that involves students and faculty across the university, bridging academic learning with practical engagement. She praised Prof. Biraj Swain's dynamic leadership for revitalizing the Centre, expanding its scope beyond juvenile justice to include health, education, child labor and more.
- **Student Engagement:** She noted the remarkable increase in student participation and interest in child rights courses, highlighting the Centre's success in making these topics relevant and engaging for the student community.
- Legacy & Collaboration: Prof. Kumari acknowledged the foundational work of
  previous faculty and the ongoing support from partners like UNICEF and UNDP,
  crediting their contributions to the Centre's resilience and growth, even through
  challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Interdisciplinary and Community Approach: She emphasized that child rights work is inherently interdisciplinary, involving contributions from various university centers and committees (such as legal aid, tribal rights, disability, women and law) and that supporting children means supporting families and entire communities.
- **Flagship Initiatives:** Prof. Kumari highlighted the Centre's work with Project Kutumb, which aims to transform three villages into child-friendly communities by involving all sectors of the university and maintaining rigorous standards over time.
- **Optimism for the Future:** She expressed strong faith in the Centre's continued growth and impact and shared her personal commitment to return and celebrate when the Centre's partner villages are officially declared child-friendly.

• **Gratitude & Congratulations:** Prof. Kumari concluded by congratulating everyone involved-past and present faculty, students and partners-for their dedication and contributions to the Centre's journey and success.

Prof Ved Kumari's speech celebrated the Centre's journey, its inclusive and empathetic approach to child rights, the importance of integrating academic and practical work and the collective effort required to create lasting change for children and communities.

#### • MR SOURAV BHATTACHARJEE'S SPEECH

- Sourav Bhattacharjee expressed pride in UNICEF's partnership with NLUO, which began in 2014 to address a critical gap in Odisha's child protection ecosystem-a lack of dedicated research, data and capacity-building for child rights.
- He highlighted CCR's significant contributions, including studies on child migration, certificate courses on child protection and nutrition justice, development of training modules and capacity building for hundreds of child protection professionals. CCR's work has helped create a more child-sensitive approach within the system.
- The establishment of the Chair Professor for Child Rights, with dedicated researchers and administrative staff, was recognized as a major achievement that has institutionalized child rights within NLUO.
- Mr. Bhattacharjee outlined UNICEF's vision for CCR to evolve into a powerhouse of technical expertise and a thought leader in child protection-not just for Odisha, but for India and South Asia. He stressed the need for CCR to become a hub for cutting-edge research on emerging issues like migration, trafficking, online safety, climate change and the challenges faced by children with disabilities.
- He emphasized the importance of CCR as a training ground for social workers, legal
  professionals and practitioners, equipping them with both legal knowledge and the
  sensitivity required to work effectively with children.
- He reminded all present that protecting child rights is a shared responsibility among academic institutions, government and development partners and congratulated all contributors to CCR's journey.
- He also reaffirmed UNICEF's commitment to support CCR's next phase, encouraging
  everyone to "dream bigger, act bolder" and work together to build an ecosystem where
  every child is safe, protected and able to realize their full potential.

#### MR SUBHENDU BHATTACHARJEE'S SPEECH

- CRY has worked for over four decades to ensure every child's right to survival, development, protection and participation, guided by the principle of universality of rights.
- Mr.Bhattacharjee emphasized that child rights issues are complex and interconnectedchildren's vulnerabilities stem from multiple, overlapping causes. Effective rehabilitation and protection require addressing family, community and systemic factors, not just individual problems.
- He commended the Centre for Child Rights (CCR) at NLUO for its remarkable work over the past decade, noting its reputation extends beyond Odisha and is recognized nationally.
- Mr. Bhattacharjee highlighted CRY's pride in partnering with NLUO's CCR, making
  it their third collaboration with a National Law University after Bangalore and
  Hyderabad. He credited Prof. Biraj Swain and the CCR team for fostering this
  meaningful association.
- The partnership with CCR is rooted in shared values and vision. CRY aims to collaborate on initiatives such as:
  - o Volunteering opportunities for law students
  - Legal training for media students
  - o Establishing district-level legal aid centers
  - Expanding further into grassroots interventions and knowledge exchange
- He stressed the importance of combining legal expertise with grassroots action, ensuring that theory informs practice and that interventions reach the most marginalized children.
- Mr. Bhattacharjee reiterated CRY's commitment to a long-term partnership with CCR, working together to build child-friendly villages and communities and to ensure that no child is left behind.
- He concluded by reaffirming CRY's dedication to the cause and its eagerness to learn from and contribute to CCR's innovative interventions in the years ahead.

# • UNVEILING OF THE FLAGSHIP JOURNAL AND NEWSLETTER BY HON'BLE JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

The commemorative ceremony reached a significant milestone with the formal unveiling of the flagship publication, Journal on the Rights of the Child, Vol. 6 Issue 1,an open-access, biannual, blind peer-reviewed publication, by Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho. This moment marked the journal's much-anticipated relaunch after a hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the occasion, hard copies of the journal were distributed to all distinguished guests. The release was commemorated with group photographs featuring all editors of the journal alongside Justice Ratho, capturing a celebratory moment of scholarly and institutional pride.

Simultaneously, the event also marked the release of the third edition of CCR's bi-monthly newsletter, which was circulated among the attendees. This dual publication launch not only showcased the intellectual output of the Centre but also highlighted the vital contribution of its student body, particularly the editorial team led by Aradhana Nayak and Dhruv Dhingra.

#### HON'BLE JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO'S SPEECH

#### **Celebration and Reaffirmation**

- Justice Ratho in her speech marked the 10th anniversary of the Centre for Child Rights (CCR) as both a celebration of achievements and a reaffirmation of the shared commitment to advancing child rights in Odisha, India and globally.
- She highlighted CCR's evolution into a leader in child rights thought and practice, developing child-friendly community models, fostering a child rights culture and advising on policy reforms that prioritize children's best interests.

#### Judiciary and CCR: A Collaborative Ecosystem

- Justice Ratho emphasized that CCR's work is not just complementary but essential to creating an enabling ecosystem for child protection, working alongside the judiciary and state institutions.
- She acknowledged the visionary leadership of Prof. Ved Kumari and the significance of the establishment of the Chief Minister's Chair Professor on Child Rights that stands as a significant and commendable initiative across both law and non-law universities in India, institutionalizing the field within legal and interdisciplinary studies.
- The popularity of Child Rights and Food and Nutrition Justice courses offered by the University reflects a shift in legal education towards experiential, reality-based learning, bridging theory with the lived experiences of children.

#### **Community Interventions and Child Agency**

 CCR's KUTUMB initiative was praised as a model for empowering children as active rights-holders, aligning with India's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **Global Leadership**

 She also acknowledged that the Centre's Hosting of the 9th International Society for Child Indicators Conference 2024 established both NLUO, CCR and by extension Odisha as an enabler and thought leader in the child rights discourse.

#### **Judicial Experience and Ongoing Challenges**

- Drawing from her own legal and judicial experience, Justice Ratho noted persistent challenges in implementing progressive child protection laws like the Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act, especially for marginalized groups.
- She stressed the need for child-sensitive procedures, counselling and systemic reforms, because the pandemic exacerbated vulnerabilities such as child labor, trafficking and educational deprivation.

#### **Role of CCR and the Path Forward**

- Justice Ratho called for CCR to continue building capacity, developing model frameworks and facilitating policy dialogue to improve legislation and its implementation.
- She commended the relaunch of the Journal on the Rights of the Child as a vital platform for academic debate and critical reflection.
- Justice Ratho concluded by urging for renewed commitment to ensuring that no child is invisible or voiceless.
- She also congratulated CCR and NLUO and wished them continued strength in their mission to fulfill the promise of childhood for every child, everywhere.

#### ASST. PROF RASHMI REKHA BAUG'S VOTE OF THANKS

- The event marked the unveiling of two major academic contributions: the 6th Volume of the *Journal on the Rights of the Child* and the April–May 2025 edition of the CCR Newsletter, showcasing a decade of rigorous research and advocacy in child rights.
- Profound gratitude was extended to dignitaries, including Hon'ble Justices and renowned academics, for their encouragement and reaffirmation of a child-centric approach in law, policy and scholarship.
- Special thanks were given to:
  - Prof. Ved Kumari (Vice Chancellor, Editor-in-Chief and Patron-in-Chief) for visionary leadership and commitment to child rights.
  - o Prof. (Dr.) Rangin Pallav Tripathy (Registrar) for administrative support.
  - Prof. Biraj Swain (Chair Professor & Director) for steering the Centre's work on critical issues from juvenile justice to digital privacy and refugee children's rights.
  - The dedicated research and editorial team, including Dr. Swagatika Samal, Dr.
     Pradipta K. Sarangi, Mr. Amulya Swain, Mr. Ankit K. Keshri, Dr. Shubanginee
     Singh and student editor Madhulika Tripathy.
- The Centre's foundation and growth were credited to visionaries like Prof. Shrikrishna
   Deva Rao and the enduring partnership with UNICEF, which has been pivotal since inception.
- The Government of Odisha and the Chief Minister were acknowledged for establishing India's first and only Chair Professorship on Child Rights, helping transform Project KUTUMB's vision of child-friendly villages into reality.
- Appreciation was extended to all journal contributors, whose work covers diverse and pressing child rights topics and to partners CRY and SBI for their support.
- The commitment and dynamism of CCR's student members and the collaborative spirit of NLUO's faculty and staff were recognized as vital to the Centre's ongoing success.
- The speech concluded with a renewed pledge to ensure that children's futures are shaped by justice, dignity and equitable protection and gratitude to all who have supported the Centre's transformative journey.

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

#### **Coming Together of Child Rights Champions**

• The event fostered rich academic exchanges and highlighted the power of collaboration among the judiciary, academia, NGOs, and government for child rights advancement.

#### **Recommitting to Child Rights**

- All speakers reaffirmed their dedication to protecting and promoting child rights, emphasizing that justice for children must be realized not just in law but in their lived experiences.
- The Centre's mission remains rooted in leveraging knowledge for legal, policy and practice reform and in building a "child rights temper" across society.

#### **Current and Budding Champions**

- The event celebrated both established leaders and emerging student advocates, recognizing their roles as current and future champions of child rights.
- The student-led newsletter, social media initiatives and ongoing research projects demonstrate the Centre's commitment to nurturing new voices in the field.

#### The Importance of Multi-Sectoral Engagement

- Judicial members, academic community, practitioners and media representatives all reiterated the necessity of multi-agency and inter-disciplinary collaboration for effective child protection.
- The event underlined that safeguarding child requires the combined efforts of legal, health, education and social welfare sectors, as well as civil society and international organizations.

#### **Intersectoral Nature of Child Rights**

 The discussions and presentations emphasized that child rights are inherently intersectoral-requiring coordinated action across health, education, law and social protection.

• The Centre's flagship KUTUMB initiative and its collaborations with NGOs and government exemplify this approach, aiming to build child-friendly communities and address complex challenges like trafficking, digital safety and access to justice.

#### CCR: A Leader in Advancing Child Rights Through Law, Policy, and Practice

- CCR is the second oldest such centre in any National Law University in India and the
  only one with a dedicated Chair Professor on Child Rights, established with support
  from the Government of Odisha.
- Founded in 2015, CCR has evolved from a focus on strengthening Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committees to becoming a national and global leader in child rights thought, policy and practice.
- CCR offers highly sought-after courses such as Child Rights and Food and Nutrition
  Justice, bridging legal theory and real-world practice and serving as a bridge between
  classrooms, courtrooms and communities.
- The Centre reaffirmed its vision to build a "child rights temper" and to advocate for
  justice for every child, everywhere, leveraging knowledge for legal, policy and practice
  reform.

The 10th anniversary event was a testament to CCR's enduring impact and the collective resolve of its community. By relaunching its journal, celebrating its members and fostering intersectoral collaboration, CCR continues to set the standard for child rights advocacy and scholarship in India and beyond-ensuring that children's voices, agency and rights remain at the heart of all efforts.

#### • ANNEXURE I- AGENDA OF THE EVENT

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Admin Block, NLUO

11.30 AM to 12.00 PM Registration, Networking and Refreshment

Venue: Near Conference Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Admin Block

12.00 PM to 12.05 PM Felicitation of Speakers

12.05 PM to 12.10 PM Opening Remarks and About the Event

Prof Biraj Swain

CM's Chair Professor and Director, Centre for Child

Rights - NLUO

12.10 PM to 12.15 PM Welcome Address

Prof Ved Kumari

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NLUO and

Patron-in-Chief, CCR-NLUO

12.15 PM to 12.20 PM Address by the UNICEF Representative

Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee

Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF

12.20 PM to 12.25 PM Address by the CRY Representative

Mr Subhendu Bhattacharjee

Policy and Knowledge Exchange Director, CRY

12.25 PM to 12.35 PM Unveiling CCR's flagship Journal and Newsletter

Journal on the Rights of the Child of NLUO

Newsletter (April-May, 2025)

12.35 PM to 12.55 PM Address by the Chief Guest

Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho

Chairperson, JJC, Orissa High Court

12.55 PM to 1.00 PM Vote of Thanks

Dr Rashmi Rekha Baug

Co-Director, Centre for Child Rights - NLUO

**LUNCH (1.00 PM to 2.00 PM)** 

Venue: Lounge, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Admin Block

## • ANNEXURE II- LIST OF ATTENDEES

Sl. No.	Name	Designation and Institutional Affiliation
1	Justice Savitri Ratho	Judge Orissa High Court, Chairperson JJC Orissa High Court
2	Prof. Ved Kumari	Vice Chancellor, National Law University Odisha
3	Mr. Subhendu Bhattacharjee	Policy & Knowledge Exchange Director, CRY
4	Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee	Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF
5	Prof. Anand K. Pradhan	Regional Director, Professor Journalism, Deppt. Of Mass Communication Governance, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal
6	Prof. Biraj Swain	CM's Chair Professor-cum-Director, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
7	Dr. Swagatika Samal	Researcher, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
8	Dr. Pradipta Kumar Sarangi	Researcher, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
9	Dr. Rashmi Rekha Baug	Asst. Prof of Law & Co-Director, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
10	Dr. Shubhanginee Singh	Asst. Prof of Political Science & Co-Director, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
11	Mr. Ankit Kumar Keshri	UNICEF Consultant, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
12	Mr. Amulya Kmar Swain	OA, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha
13	Dr. Ankeeta Gupta	Asst. Prof of Law, National Law University Odisha
14	Dr. Archana Sahu	Asst. Librarian, National Law University Odisha
15	Durbadala Mantry	NLUO_Spl. Officer (Legal Aid)
16	Swagat Kumar Ghadei	JJC, Odisha High Court (UNICEF)
17	Shobha Surin	Associate Editor Question of Cities
18	Jyoti Prakash Mohapatra	Reporter, The Sambad
19	Biswajeet Mishra	Student, NLUO
20	Aditya Dash	Student, NLUO

21	Ghasiram Panda	Consultant-UNICEF
22	Dhaaban Dekaa	Consultant-UNICEF
23	Sangita Agarwal	Editor, Ommcom News
24	Medha Shukla	Student, NLUO
25	Manas Ranjan Biswal	JJB, Member, CTC
26	Shagun Gupta	Student, NLUO
27	Manaswini Rout	Student, NLUO
28	Dharun R	Student, NLUO
29	Aditya Paital	Utkala Khabar
30	Suresh Das	World Watch, Delhi
31	Dilip Das	World Watch
32	Pramod Kumar Acharya	Chairperson, CWC-Cuttack
33	Sourabh Ghosh	Sr. Manager, CRY
34	Kanishka	Asst. Prof. of Law, NLUO
35	Anhik Bhattacharya	Associate General Manager, Media Engagement, CRY
36	Nikhil Javali	Student, NLUO
37	T S Swaraj	Ph.D. Scholar
38	Ishaan Aryan	Student, NLUO
39	Swanwesh Das	Student, NLUO
40	Anwesh Khemendu	Student, NLUO
41	Shivanesh Bohara	Student, NLUO
42	Sanjeevani Dixit	Student, NLUO
43	Ruchi Mahil	LLM Student, NLUO
44	Dr. Rujitha T R	Asst. Prof, NLUO
45	Rohini Roy	Student, National Law University Odisha
46	Maulsree Srivastava	Student, National Law University Odisha
47	Mallika Patnaik	Student, National Law University Odisha

48	Subham Rathee	Student, National Law University Odisha
49	Priyansh Raghuwanshi	Student, National Law University Odisha
50	Astha Bhattacharya	Student, National Law University Odisha
51	Cisil B. Maria	XIM University, Bhubaneswar
52	Sakshi Pritam Das	Student, National Law University Odisha
53	Kashish Rathore	Student, National Law University Odisha
54	Poorna Mishra	Student, National Law University Odisha
55	Abhinandan	Student, National Law University Odisha
56	Amit Kumar Samal	Student, National Law University Odisha
57	Ishika Bhattachayya	Student, National Law University Odisha
58	Kriti Jain	Student, National Law University Odisha
59	Shehnaz Najin Chowdhury	Student, National Law University Odisha
60	Sriti Basu	Student, National Law University Odisha
61	Palak Bhawsinka	Student, National Law University Odisha
62	Soumya Sourav Das	Student, National Law University Odisha
63	Tamana Das Patnaik	Student, National Law University Odisha
64	Oshi Shrivastava	Student, National Law University Odisha
65	Zeer Tudu	Student, National Law University Odisha
66	Satwik Mohapatra	Student, National Law University Odisha
67	Anmol Kumar Sharma	Student, National Law University Odisha
68	Jaya Mishra	Student, National Law University Odisha
69	Anuj Kulhar	Student, National Law University Odisha
70	Madhulika Tripathy	Student, National Law University Odisha
71	Dhruv Dhingra	Student, National Law University Odisha
72	Abhismita S. Mishra	Student, National Law University Odisha
73	Aradhana Nayak	Student, National Law University Odisha
74	Suraj Kumar Mishra	Student, National Law University Odisha

75	Jyotirmaya Choudhury	Student, National Law University Odisha
76	Priyanka P. Das	Student, National Law University Odisha
77	Bharat Bhushan Tayal	Student, National Law University Odisha
78	Akshat Prakash	Student, National Law University Odisha
79	Sushant Mishra	Student, National Law University Odisha
80	Reyansh Thakur	Student, National Law University Odisha
81	Chani Rachel	Student, National Law University Odisha
82	Alok Mishra	Student, National Law University Odisha
83	Mr. Prashant Kuleswar	Sr. System Administrator, NLUO
84	Binod Kumar Sahoo	Asst. Section Officer, IT Support, NLUO
85	Bishnu Charana Mallick	MTS, National Law University Odisha
86	Suresh Barik	MTS, National Law University Odisha
87	Prayash Das	Student, National Law University Odisha
88	Aranya Sen	Student, National Law University Odisha

#### • ANNEXURE III- PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY



Photograph 1: Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho sharing her valuable insights on the issue.



Photograph 2: Honourable Justice Savitri Ratho addressing the participants



Photograph 3: Mr Sourav Bhattacharjee addressing in the programme



Photograph 4: Mr Subhendu Bhattacharjee addressing the gathering in the programme



Photograph 5: Launching of the flagship journal of CCR on the remarkable 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Photograph 6: Launching of the flagship journal of CCR on the remarkable  $10^{th}$  Anniversary.



Photograph 7: The launching of the bi-monthly newsletter of April-May, 2025.



Photograph 8: Hon'ble Justice with Prof Ved Kumari, Prof Biraj Swain and CCR students



Photograph 9: Hon'ble Justice and other dignitaries interacting with Prof Ved Kumari, Prof
Biraj Swain and CCR team



Photograph 10: Hon'ble Justice interacting with Prof Ved Kumari and others



Photograph 11: Dignitaries from CRY and CCR team.



Photograph 12: Dignitaries from Action Aid India, Unicef and CCR team.



Photograph 13: Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho congratulating the team for the journal publication on the auspicious occasion of the 10th Anniversary of CCR.



Photograph 14: Dignitaries during the 10th Anniversary programme of CCR.



Photograph 15: Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho with Prof Ved kumari and Prof Biraj Swain at the 10th Anniversary celebration of CCR.



Photograph 16: Dignitaries and participants at the 10th Anniversary celebration of CCR.

## • ANNEXURE IV- THE EVENT IN NEWS

Sl.No.	Media	Website links
1	The Sambad Cuttack, 13.4.2025	https://sambadepaper.com/imageview_72473_469157_4_72 _13-04-2025_11_i_1_sf.html
2	The Dharitri Cuttack, 14.4.2025	https://dharitriepaper.in/edition/18219/bhubaneswar/page/1
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କଟକ,୧୨୮୪(ଇମିସ): ନରାଜସ୍ଥିତ ଜାତୀୟ ଆଇନ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ (ଏନ୍ଏଲ୍ୟୁ) ର ଶିଶୁ ଅଧିକାର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ୧୦ମ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ଦିବସ ପାଳିତ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି।

ଏହି ଅବସରରେ କୁଳପତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ବେଦ୍ କୁମାରୀଙ୍କ ପୌରୋହିତ୍ୟରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ

କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅତିଥି ଭାବେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ହାଇକୋର୍ଟର ବିଚାରପତି କଷ୍ଟିସ୍ ସାବିତ୍ରୀ ରଥ, ସନ୍ଧାନିତ ଅତିଥି ଭାବେ ଯୁନିସେଫ୍ର ସଦସ୍ୟ ସୌରଭ ଭଟ୍ଟାଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ, କ୍ରାଏର ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ ଶୁଭେନ୍ଦୁ ଭଟ୍ଟାଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଶିଶୁ ଅଧିକାର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ବିଭିନ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଉପରେ ଆଲୋକପାତ କରିବା ସହ ସମାନରେ ଅବହେଳତ ଅବସ୍ଥାରେ ଥିବା ଶିଶୁଙ୍କ ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ଉଦ୍ୟମକୁ ପ୍ରଶଂସା କରିଥିଲେ। ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଶିଶୁ ଅଧିକାର ଆଇନକୁ ନେଇ ଏକ ମୁଖପଡ୍ର ଉନ୍ମୋତିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା। କୁଳସଚିବ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଡକ୍ଟର ରଂଗିନ ପଲ୍ଲଭ ଡିପାଠୀ, ବିଷ



ଅଧିକାରୀ ଡକ୍ଟର ସୁଶାନ୍ତ ରାଉତ, ବିଭୁ କର, ବିକୁ ମାର୍ଥିୟୁ, ଡକ୍ଟର ସ୍ୱାଗତିକା ସାମଲ, ଡକ୍ଟର ପ୍ରଦିପ୍ତା ଷଡ଼ଙ୍ଗୀ, ଡକ୍ଟର ଅମୂଲ୍ୟ ସ୍ୱାଇଁ, ଡକ୍ଟର ଅଙ୍କିତ କେଶରୀ, ଡକ୍ଟର ଅର୍ଚ୍ଚନା ସାହୁ, ଡକ୍ଟର ରସ୍ପିରେଖା ପାଲ, ଶୋଭା ସୁରେନ୍, ପ୍ରମୋଦ ଆଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ, ମାନସ ରଞ୍ଜନ ବିଶ୍ୱାଳ, ଘାସି ରାମ, ଧାବରନ୍ ଡେକା ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିଲେ। କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶିକା ବିରାଜ ସ୍ୱାଇଁ ପ୍ରାରମ୍ଭିକ ସୂଚନା ଓ କୁଳପତି ଡକ୍ଟର ବେଦ୍ କୁମାରୀ ସ୍ୱାଗତ ଭାଷଣ ଦେଇଥିଲେ। ମଧୁଲିକା ତ୍ରିପାଠୀ ଓ ଅଭିସ୍ଥିତା ଶ୍ୟାମଲି ମିଶ୍ର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ପରିଚାଳନା କରିଥିଲେ। ଡକ୍ଟର ରଣ୍ପିରେଖା ବାଗ୍ ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଦେଇଥିଲେ।

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ଏନ୍ଏଲୟୁଓ ଶିଶୁ ଅଧିକାର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ଉସବରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଅତିଥି ଓ ଅନ୍ୟମାନେ ।

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ଆକ୍ଟ ଓ ପୋକ୍ସୋ ଆକ୍ଟ ଆଦି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ହେଉଛି। ତଥାପି ଦେଶରେ ଆଦିବାସୀ, ଦଳିତ, ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ଶିଶୁମାନେ ଅବହେଳିତ। ସୁରକ୍ଷାର ସକ୍ରିୟ ଅଧିକାରୀ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଅବହେଳା କରାଯାଇପାରିବ ନାହିଁ ବୋଲି ଓ ଦକ୍ଷତା ବିକାଶ ଦିଗରେ ରହୁଥିବା ହାଇକୋର୍ଟ ବିଚାରପତି ସାବିତ୍ରୀ ରଥ ଶୂନ୍ୟସ୍ଥାନକୁ ଏନ୍ଏଲୟୁଓ ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ କରୁଛି। ଶିଶୁ କହିଛନ୍ତି। ଜାତୀୟ ଆଇନ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସୁରକ୍ଷା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ନୃତନ ଦିଶା ଦେଖାଇଛି ଓଡ଼ିଶା (ଏନ୍ଏଲୟୁଓ)ର ଶିଶୁ ଅଧିକାର ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ। ଅନ୍ୟତମ ସନ୍ନାନିତ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ୧୦ମ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ଉତ୍ସବରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅତିଥି ଚାଇଲ୍ଡ ରାଇଟ୍ଡ ଆଷ୍ଟ୍ ୟୁ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ ଅତିଥି ଭାବେ ବିଚାରପତି ରଥ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ଶୁଭେନ୍ଦୁ ଭଟ୍ଟାଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ତୃଶମୂଳ ପ୍ରରରେ ଶିଶୁଙ୍କ ଶିଶୁ ଅଧିକାର ଦିଗରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପକ୍ଷରୁ ବିକାଶ ଦିଗରେ ଦିଆଯାଉଥିବା ଅନୁଦାନ

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By EB Bureau

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Justice Savitri Ratho, Judge of the Orissa High Court and Chair of its Juvenile Justice Committee (JJC), inaugurated the event. "Justice for children must be felt in their lives and not just inscribed in our laws," she said.

Highlighting on the CCR's journey since its inauguration in 2015, Justice Ratho described it as a rare academic institution that offers thought and practice leadership in child rights.

"The CCR is not only complementary to the judiciary's work, but also constitutive of the child protection ecosystem," she said and credited Vice Chancellor Prof. Ved Kumari for charting a new institutional path in child rights law.

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#### KUTUMB initiative

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"Children are not passive recipients of protection. They are active rights-holders and agents of change," she said, grounding her statement in Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and India's SDG commitments.

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# Justice Ratho Launches 10th Anniversary Edition of CCR's Flagship Journal

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#### Our Correspondent Cuttack, April 12, 2025: The

Journal on the Rights of the

Child of NLUO, the flagship academic publication of the Centre for Child Rights (CCR) Odisha (NLUO), was relaunched today as the institution marked a decade of committed scholarship, public service, and systemic engagement on child rights. Hon'ble Justice Savitri Ratho, Judge of the Orissa High Court and Chair of its Javenile Justice Committee opened the celebrations by reminding the audience that justice for children must be felt in their lives - not just inscribed in our laws." Reflecting on the Centre's journey since its inauguration n 2015, Justice Ratho lauded CCR as a rare academic institution that offers thought and practice leadership in child rights.
"The CCR is not just complementary to the judiciary's work—it is constitutive of the child protection ecosystem," she said. She credited Vice Chancellor Prof Ved Kumari for charting a new institutional path in child rights law. She noted that establishing the Chief Minister's Chair Professorship in 2023 was a



institutionalized child rights as a rigorous legal and interdisciplinary inquiry domain. Justice Ratho also drew attention to CCR's pedagogical innovation especially the high student demand for the elective courses "Child Rights and Determinant Sectors" and "Food and Nutrition Justice," noting that "legal theory. when not rooted in lived experience, risks becoming sterile." She praised the KUTUMB initiative as a standout example of praxis, where CCR supports children's participation and agency in shaping their communities. "Children are not passive recipients of protection-they are active rights-holders and agents of change," she affirmed, grounding her statement in Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and India's SDG commitments. Sharing watershed moment that insights from her judicial

career, Justice Ratho spoke candidly about the gulf between legislative intent and tion, particularly in the application of the Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act. Despite progressive laws, marginalized chiklren—tribal, Dalit, migrant, differently abled—still face structural neglect and exclusion. The pandemic only deepened these fissures," she observed, She called for urgent reinforcement of childsensitive procedures, traumainformed counseling, and holistic policyframeworksthat reflect the best interests of the child. She concluded with a powerful call: "Let us ensure that no child is invisible, voiceless, or without recourse." The 10th anniversary edition of the Journal on the Rights of the Oilld of NLUO features 14 original contributions from across the country, including work on juvenile bail jurisprudence, adoption law,

refugee children's rights, influencer economy ethics, and childhood nutrition, It also includes an NCRB data re-analysis and an infographic fact sheet that distills evidence into actionable insight. Prof Birai Swain, Chief Minister's Chair Professor and Director of CCR, opened the program by framing CCR's mission in unapologetically bold terms: "We are here not just to mark a date, but to recommit to our mandate-justice, equity, and dignity for every child, everywhere." She honored the unwavering support of Vice Chancellor Prof Ved Kumari, whom she called "our Amazonian backbone," spotlighted the students whose research, outreach, and editorial work have kept the Centre vibrant and engaged. Prof Ved Kumari, in her address, placed the focus on children in conflict with the law, reminding the audience that they are rights-bearing individuals, not societal outliers. She praised the growth of the Centre under Prof Swain's leadership and celebrated the student community's sustained en gagement. In particular, she underscored the significance of KUTUMB in linking child rights with the broader terrain of family and community wellbeing. "Even after I demit office," she said, "my interest

in the Centre's journey will remain steadfast." Sourav Bhattacharjee, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, revisited CCR's founding partnership with UNICEF in 2014, "What was missing then was not law but a space for knowledge. research, and capacity-building," he said. "NLU Odisha filled that gap." Outlining a bold vision for CCR's next chapter, he projected it as a centre of gravity for child protection knowledge and action across Odisha and South Asia—one that provides technical expertise, trains a new cadre of professionals, and leads research on critical issues like migration, trafficking, climate change, and online safety. The event also saw a major institutional announcement: the formalization of a longterm partnership between CCR and Child Rights and You (CRY). Subhendu Bhattacharjee, CRY's Policy and Knowledge Exchange Director, announced CRY's funding support for three grassroots-linked initiatives: student volunteerism, media legal training, and district-level legal aid centers, "This partnership is not about financials—it is about shared vision, praxis, and justice," he said. The cases these students take up today will

tomorrow." Dr. Rashmi Rekha Baug, Co-Director of CCR and Co-Editor of the Journal, delivered the vote of thanks. She acknowledged the foundational contributions of former Vice Chancellor Prof Srikrishna Deva Rao, the steady backing of Registrar Prof Rangin P. Tripathy, and the unwavering diligence of student editor Madhulika Tripathy. She reaffirmed the Centre's gratitude to contributors, editorial advisors, civil society partners, and the media. "May our scholarship shape fiture reforms, and may no child ever be beyond the each of justice," she said. The celebration also unveiled the April-May 2025 edition of CCR's bi-monthly rewsletter. It acknowledged CCR's international reach, primarily through hosting the 9th International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) Conference in 2024, which brought together over 24 countries and established Odisha as a global child rights discourse hub. As the event drew close, Prof Swain offered a resonant final thought: "Justice for children cannot remain an idea. It must become a delivered right. We are here to make happen-not just in Odisha, not just in India, but become the case laws of anywhere and everywhere."