



## **Valedictory Event of the Child Protection Mentorship Program (CPMP) 2025**

The Centre for Child Rights (CCR) at the National Law University Odisha (NLUO), in collaboration with UNICEF, offered a Child Protection Mentorship Program (CPMP) from July to December 2025. The initiative was aimed to build a committed cadre of child protection and allied practitioners equipped with the knowledge, skills, attitude and ethical grounding necessary to respond to the contemporary and complex challenges faced by children from vulnerable socio-economic contexts across Odisha. Conceived as an online professional development program, it was designed specifically for early and mid-career development professionals working in the State of Odisha who seek to build a career in the child protection sector. The mentorship program engaged over 100 participants through 32 online sessions led by 12 external and 3 NLUO mentors, focusing on child protection laws, policies, and practical skills for working with children. For marking the formal conclusion of the program, a valedictory event has been scheduled. The event aims to acknowledge the participants engagement and provide a platform for shared reflections on the mentorship journey and the way forward. Key Dignitaries who will be gracing the event are as follows:

- **Honorable Justice Savitri Ratho**  
Judge, Orissa High Court  
Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee, Orissa High Court
- **Prof. Ved Kumari**  
Vice Chancellor and Patron-in-Chief,  
Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha

- **Shri Yogesh Bahadur Khurania, IPS**  
Director General of Police (DGP) of Odisha  
Government, Odisha  
(TBC)
- **Smt. Babita Patra**  
Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR)  
(TBC)
- **Mr. Manna Biswas**  
Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Odisha

The details of the event are as follows:

- **Date:** Saturday, 21st February 2026
- **Reporting Time:** 10:30 AM
- **Event Time:** 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Venue:** Seminar Hall, Academic Block, National Law University Odisha, Cuttack

### **Course Co-ordinators**

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