



A REPORT OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, 2024

Chief Minister's Chair Professor,
Centre for Child Rights,
National Law University
Odisha



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Centre for Child Rights (CCR) at the National Law University Odisha (NLUO) is the university's oldest research centre, established on April 12, 2015. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, former Chief Justice of India.

Under the leadership of the present Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ved Kumari, one of the foremost chroniclers of Juvenile Justice and Child Rights in the world, the prestigious Chief Minister's Chair Professorship in Child Rights was instituted in June 2023 through a generous grant from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha.

The Chief Minister's Chair Professor team officially began its work in January 2024. This report highlights the activities and achievements of CCR in 2024, showing how the centre and its initiatives have advanced the theory and practice of child rights and shaped the discourse around it. The establishment of the CM's Chair Professorship by the Government of Odisha and the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office has made these efforts possible.

This document is a report of the new lens, new rules, new roles, new engagements and new strategies that the CM's Chair Professor, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha undertook in their first year of existence as a full team.

The first section of this report recounts the centre's journey from its inception in 2015 to 2023, culminating in the establishment of the CM's Chair Professors. The second section details the centre's activities, including the curation of new courses, the publication of various knowledge products, efforts to make these resources widely accessible, and public education and media engagement to promote child rights.

Additionally, the report highlights the interdisciplinary lens applied to child rights theory and practice, along with the expanded engagement of stakeholders. This includes partnerships beyond the Juvenile Justice Committee and the Department of Women and Child Development, extending to other government departments.

The report concludes with the humans of the Centre for Child Rights-Chief Minister's Chair Professor's team and their activities and achievement in 2024.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BA-LLB: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Legislative Law

BBA-LLB: Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Legislative Law

CCIs: Child Care Centres

CCR: Centre for Child Rights

CiCL: Children in conflict with Law

CIFF: Children's Investment Fund Foundation

CM: Chief Minister

CNCP: Children in Need of Care and Protection

CWC: Child Welfare Committee

CWL: Centre for Women and Law

DCPU: District Child Protection Unit

FGD: Focus Group Discussion

HC: High Court

ICSSR: Indian Council for Social Science Research

IJFC: International Centre for Journalists

ISBN: International Standard Book Number

ISCI: International Society for Child Indicators

JJB: Juvenile Justice Board

JJC: Juvenile Justice Committee

KIIT: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology

LLM: Master of Laws

NCW: National Commission for Women

NLUO: National Law University Odisha

PhD: Doctor of Philosophy

POCSO Act, 2012: Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012

PSC: Public Service Commission

PVTG: Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group

SCPCR: State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
SDGs: Sustainable Development Goals
SSEPD: Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability
UK: United Kingdom
UN: United Nations
UNCRC: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
UNICEF: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UPR: Universal Periodic Review
USA: United States of America
VC: Vice Chancellor
VLCPC: Village Level Child Protection Committee
W&CD: Women and Child Development
WISCOMP: Women in Security Conflict Management and Peace
WP: Writ Petition

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**A. THE ORIGIN STORY: ESTABLISHING THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CHAIR
PROFESSOR ON CHILD RIGHTS, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA**

A.1 About the Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha

Centre for Child Rights (CCR) is the specialized research centre of the National Law University Odisha, Cuttack (NLUO). The Centre was founded on April 12, 2015 with ceremonial inauguration by Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, former Chief Justice of India and Visitor, NLUO in the august presence of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and Judges of Orissa High Court, and Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Odisha. The Centre aims at building a rights temper amongst the children and the society, strengthening law and justice for children and child wellbeing by supporting and initiating research, policy advocacy and community action on children's issues. The Centre aims to provide integrated support and consultancy to different layers of institutional governance for protection and ensuring of child rights, child protection, understand and reform enabling and disabling factors to furthering child rights and the inter-sectionality.

Headlined by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ved Kumari, one of the foremost chroniclers of Juvenile Justice and everything Child Rights in the world, NLUO got its first ever Chair Professorship on Child Rights with a five-member staff team sanctioned by the Hon'ble CM of Odisha in 2023. This is led by the Chief Minister Chair Professor. This is the only fully functional chair professorship on child rights in the universe of National Law Universities across India.

A.2 Key initiatives of the Centre for Child Rights (2015-2023)

The Centre for Child Rights (CCR) at the National Law University Odisha (NLUO), Cuttack, has been actively involved in various initiatives since its establishment in 2015. The centre has focused on research, capacity-building training, orientation programs, and the development of resource materials in collaboration with UNICEF, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (W&CD), Government of Odisha, and other organizations. These activities have been carried out under the leadership of the Director and Co-directors of the center. The major activities undertaken by CCR during the period from **2015 to 2023** includes:

- **Consultation on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021**, held in 2023.

- **Awareness Programme on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989**, conducted for the students of The Kalinga English Medium School in 2022.
- **Symposium on Legal Education and Policy Research on Child Rights**, organized in 2019.
- **Training Program for Newly Appointed Chairpersons and Members of Child Welfare Committees in Odisha** and a **Judicial Colloquium on Juvenile Justice**, conducted in 2018.
- **Sensitization Workshop on Human Rights Awareness**, organized for police personnel from the Human Rights Protection Cell of various districts in Odisha in 2017.
- **Training of District-Level Officers of the Special Juvenile Police Units of Odisha**, focusing on understanding the law and policy framework on juvenile justice in alignment with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, and the model rules framed under the Act by the Government of India, conducted in 2016. Additional activities included **capacity-building workshops on the Roles and Accountability of Public Prosecutors in Ensuring Justice to Children** and a **Consultation Meeting on the Draft Model Rules 2016 for the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2016**.
- **Orientation Programme on Child Rights and Juvenile Justice**, organized for district-level officials, non-judicial members of Juvenile Justice Boards in Odisha, and Legal cum Probation Officers, conducted in 2015.

Research and Publications:

- A **booklet series comprising 44 books**, each dedicated to one of the 44 articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), was drafted by the students of NLUO. These “fun books” featured creative interpretations, colorful illustrations, and interactive graphics.
- The **Centre for Child Rights** conducted a research study to assess the status of the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, in Odisha. This study was supported by UNICEF under the project '**Effective Implementation of Children’s Laws in Odisha.**'
- A research study on the **pendency of juvenile cases in Odisha** was undertaken by the Centre for Child Rights, NLUO, with support from UNICEF, Bhubaneswar, as part of the project on '**Effective Implementation of Children’s Laws in Odisha.**'
- The **practice of preliminary assessment under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015**, by Juvenile Justice Boards in Odisha, was examined in another research study conducted by the Centre for Child Rights with support from UNICEF, Bhubaneswar, under the project '**Effective Implementation of Children’s Laws in Odisha.**'
- A research project titled '**Exploring Changing Dynamics of Children’s Laws in India in the Post-Liberalization Era**' was undertaken with the support of the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.
- A **social mapping study of migrant workers in Odisha** was conducted with the support of the Labour Department, Government of Odisha.

- The **Journal on the Rights of the Child** was published by the Centre during the period from 2015 to 2023. This included:
 - **Volume-I, Issue 1 (2016)**
 - **Volume-II, Issue 1 (2017)**
 - **Volume-V, Issue 1 (2020)**

In addition to the Journal, other publications by the Centre for Child Rights during the period include:

- A booklet on the **Role of District Administration in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking.**
- A booklet on **Frequently Asked Questions on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.**

A.3 Establishment of the CM’s Chair Professor on Child Rights

The Chief Minister’s Chair Professor on Child Rights, leading the Centre for Child Rights (CCR) at the National Law University Odisha (NLUO), is the first ever Chair Professor on Child Rights amongst any Law University in India. It has been harnessed by the **Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of NLUO, Prof. Ved Kumari**, one of the most important chroniclers of Child Rights and Juvenile Justice in the world. She is also the Patron-in-chief of the CCR at the NLUO.

While the CCR is the oldest research centre at the NLUO, like other NLUs hosted CCRs, it was limited to juvenile justice mandate only. Prof Ved Kumari recognised the importance of having a centre dedicated to the comprehensive agenda of child rights, from the concept of childhood, child well-being, child rights (child participation, civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights), inequalities and externalities that affect children’s life chances and how children and their issues were reported in the media. The mainstream discourse and children, their parents, educators, society’s stake and engagement in the same bore an important stake for Prof. Ved Kumari too.

And this vision shaped the Chief Minister’s Chair Professor for Child Rights. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha sanctioned the Chair Professor in June 2023. It was a first of its kind too, that unlike just sanctioning the single Chair Professor, the Hon’ble Odisha CM sanctioned the Chair Professor, two senior researchers, one office assistant and one support staff. The Chair Professor on Child Rights has a sanctioned strength of five and currently has four members.

The Chair Professor joined office on January 10th 2024. **Prof. Biraj Swain is the Chief Minister’s Chair Professor of Child Rights cum Director - Centre for Child Rights.** Prof. Swain is a senior global development expert with over 25 years of experience in India, South Asia, East Africa and the world. She is trained in Sociology from Delhi School of Economics, English Journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Post Graduate in Human Rights Law from the National Law University India, University and an alum of the Indian School of Business’ Women Leadership Programme. She is a fellow of the Women in Security

Conflict Management and Peace, WISCOMP (2002), Oxfam International's Campaign Advocacy and Fellow Programme, Oxford (2011-12), International Centre for Journalists (IJFC), Washington DC (2017-18) and Kalam Institute of Health Technology (2018-19). She is a credentialed author published across academic and high impact journalistic platforms.

Some of her works are #ChildhoodMatters (a multi-media series on everything child rights) funded by ICFJ Washington DC-CIFF and Tata Trusts, co-creating and co-authoring "Nourishing the Indian Tribal" an indexed UNICEF publication that shaped UNICEF's programming on nutrition with the indigenous population. She has also co-created and co-edited the high impact publication "Standing on the threshold: Food Justice in India" published by Wiley Blackwell and created the multi-media explainer series 'Global Summits: Where are we going?' on the global goals and global development summits and their impact. She is extensively published in credentialed publications, both academic and journalistic. She has held key leadership roles in several prominent organizations and has been a visiting faculty, given public lectures at the UN University Tokyo, SLU Uppsala, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Jindal Global Law University and Pondicherry Central University (amongst others). She has curated and currently teaches two Papers to the 7th and 10th semester of the BA-LLB and BBA-LLB programmes at the NLUO, to build the budding lawyers, judicial officers' child rights and food and nutrition justice temper: **i. Child Rights and ii. Food and Nutrition Justice.**

The Centre for Child Rights led by the Chief Minister's Chair Professor, has the primary objective of speaking to the current living realities of the children and addressing the pressing challenges that are faced in the way of achieving meaningful childhoods and increasing life chances to live and thrive.

The CM's Chair Professor on Child Rights team includes the following members:

1. Prof. Biraj Swain - Chief Minister's Chair Professor, Centre for Child Rights
2. Dr. Swagatika Samal - Researcher, CCR Team Member, PhD in Social Work with almost two decades' experience in teaching, research in credentialed institutes and projects
3. Dr. Pradipta Kumar Sarangi - Researcher, CCR Team Member, PhD in Economics with almost two decades' experience in Education Sector at supervisory and management levels and credentialed publications
4. Mr. Amulya Kumar Swain- Office Assistant, CCR Team Member, comes with over one decade of experience in District Child Protection Office and is a tax and financial planning expert by training

Additionally, the Centre for Child Rights includes:

1. Mr. Ankit Kumar Keshri, UNICEF Consultant to the NLUO-CCR, has submitted his PhD thesis at TISS and comes with almost a decade's work in foster care and alternative care
2. Dr. Shubhanginee Singh, Co-Director-CCR cum Assistant Professor in Political Science
3. Dr. Rashmi Rekha Baug, Co-Director-CCR cum Assistant Professor in Law

A.4 Evolution of the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the CCR post establishment of the CM's Chair Professor

- **Vision:**

To build a child rights' temper, ensure rights, justice to the children anywhere and everywhere (irrespective of caste, class, creed, race, economic status) and promote effective implementation of children's laws and governance in the State of Odisha, forge national and global collaborations, research and understand enabling and disabling externalities and inter-sectionalities and recommend/support reforms. The Centre will endeavour to create pro-children discourse and mechanisms and promotion of child rights practices.

- **Mission:**

To support and strengthen child rights discourse, child protection structures by leveraging knowledge change and policy reforms at various levels of institutional governance to make child rights access a reality, juvenile justice system more accountable, efficient and effective for protecting and promoting child rights.

- **Objectives:**

The objectives of the centre are dynamic, and evolving in a dynamic world. Currently the objectives of the CM's Chair Professor led CCR are:

- Spread and enhance legal literacy and building a rights-based temper
- Periodic studies/assessment of core laws/policies/legal provisions and flagship programmes translating the laws on ground with reference to the institutional preparedness i.e. 'Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015' (JJ (C and P) Act 2015), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012' (POCSO Act, 2012), Children in conflict with Law (CiCL), Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCPC), State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) etc.
- Capacity building on everything juvenile justice and child rights
- Collaboration with other National Law Universities, Law Universities, Centre for Child Rights and other Universities, agencies and organisations, locally, nationally and globally on the issues of child rights
- Guidance and consultancy to strengthen law, policy and governance to improve child rights, child well-being and welfare
- Advocacy and collaboration with State and non-state actors w.r.t. emergent reforms
- Curating and running the NLUO Child Rights Course, Food and Nutrition Justice Course.
- Enhance experiential learning by conducting research for evidence-based advocacy
- Research dissemination via conferences and public advocacy
- Improve access to justice for children in areas of juvenile justice, child labour, children's health, education, etc.

- Collaborate with and building journalistic perspective for better and more coverage of child rights and their determinant issues

How the CM’s Chair Professor on child rights has expanded and transformed the mandate, and what other universities and all child rights’ related stake-holders can learn in lexis and praxis:

- **Expansion of remit and definitions:** The CM’s Chair Professor has expanded the remit of the centre from merely “juvenile justice” to comprehensive child rights, and child wellbeing with focus on inter-sectionality
- **Inter-disciplinary and diverse POV (Point on View):** Diverse disciplines of Sociology, Social Work, Economics, Journalism and Political Science and diverse sectoral experience is now integrating with law to foreground and optimise the child rights’ discourse, policy, practise and law
- **Deepening citizens action and state responsiveness to establish Child-Friendly Communities:** KUTUMB, the flagship outreach programme of NLUO dedicated to creating active citizens and effective State, is also focussing on building child friendly communities and habitats, as per the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) commitment and NITI Ayog mandates. The CM’s Chair Professor team brought the interdisciplinary expertise of Social Work, Sociology, Economics, Public Administration and Citizens’ Action to deepen the intervention and make child-friendly communities a reality
- **Fit-for-purpose, innovative courses being curated with expanded mandate, praxis and lexis focus, experiential learning, industry-ready skills and career growth prospects:** The courses curated i.e. *Child Rights Paper* has evolved into a comprehensive agenda of the child rights and child well-being and determinants and not just on Juvenile Justice, as it is practiced in most of the Universities (law and non-law). Similarly, the *Food and Nutrition Justice Paper* is first of its kind in any legal university of India. These papers are now offered at senior classes i.e. 7th Semester and 10th semester respectively. These papers focus on praxis and lexis and on career growth with experiential learning. *Additionally, a mentorship programme is being curated and (will hopefully be regularised) to build the child protection capacities of early career professionals on everything child protection comprehensively*
- **Deepening engagements with existent and new stakeholders (State and non-state actors):** Historically the Juvenile Justice Committee and the Women and Child Department has been the only nodal of the child rights centres and child rights practitioners, but this Chair Professorship has started deepening engagement with the Women and Child Development Department (W&CD), School & Mass Education Department (SME), Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability (SSEPD) and International NGOs dedicated to child rights and well-being, UN agencies (UNICEF and other UN and multi-government agencies) etc
- **Furthering child rights’ agenda through expansion of stakeholders:** Now the stakeholders are not just the usual Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committees, but everyone including parents, schools, media, JJBs, CWCs, State and its instruments represented through bureaucrats, protection officers and other officials, Judges, academics and researchers

- **Public education and shaping the discourse:** The CM’s Chair Professor is attempting to shape the discourse, build public awareness via media engagement like Opinion pieces, think pieces, awareness programming etc
- **Building media literacy and demanding better journalism on children’s issues:** Building capacities of budding law and justice professionals to demand and consume better journalism around children, their rights and well-being and the determinant sectors
- **Creating a range of knowledge products and aggressively working to make them accessible to one and all:**
 - Non-fiction, text-book co-authored by faculty and students which is an outcome of a classroom project focussed on seeing and empathy and building resolution via legal lens
 - Funbooks i.e. an explainer series on UNCRC article for non-law literate children and adults
 - Scanning the media for “children in news” using the Unicef-Presswise lens and the AK Asthana judgement
 - Starting the first ever newsletter of the centre
 - Reviving the flagship journal on the rights of the child etc
 - Making every publication open source, digital and amplifying them through social media handles to outreach and access
- **Foraying into new areas examination/recruitment of apt personnel in the child protection space:** Via recruitment paper setting for the Public Service Commission’s exams for the Bihar CWC and JJB cadre
- **The CM’s Chair Professor team is an inherently diverse team with diverse disciplinary trainings and diverse worldview to further the agenda of child rights**

B. NEW RULES, NEW ROLES AND DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

The establishment of the CM’s Chair Professor has not only resulted in continuation of the child rights focused work of NLUO but it has enabled expansion of the remits deepening of the agenda of child rights and child wellbeing. via the personnel of CM’s Chair Professor, CCR, NLUO and their diverse training, diverse perspective, expansive network and collaborations they bring in. The grant of the CM’s Chair Professor has also enabled a structural innovation in the organogram of NLUO which enables a visionary mandate.

B.1 Knowledge Products:

Following are the knowledge products with their links published by the Chief Minister’s Chair Professor, Centre for Child Rights, NLUO -

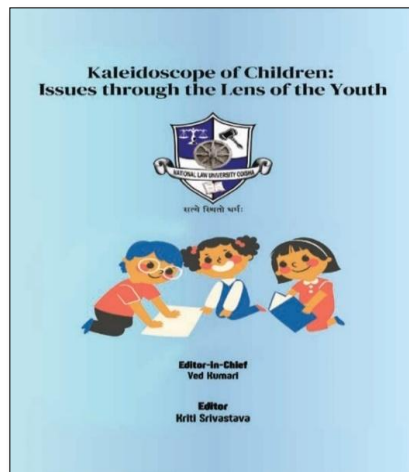
I. Books

Kumari, V., & Srivastava, K. (2024). Kaleidoscope of Children: Issues through the Lens of the Youth. National Law University, Odisha. ISBN:978-81- 982431-3-3

The book is a project born in the classroom. It makes students delve deep into the pictures of children, sense their life situations, draw upon the students’ own vantage, their empathy and further construct the violations the photographed children are

experiencing. In the next step, the students build on legal recourse to challenge those deprivations. It is about discovering the human being before tapping into the lawyer in the NLUO students and building on solidarity and fraternity, core principles enshrined in the Indian constitution.

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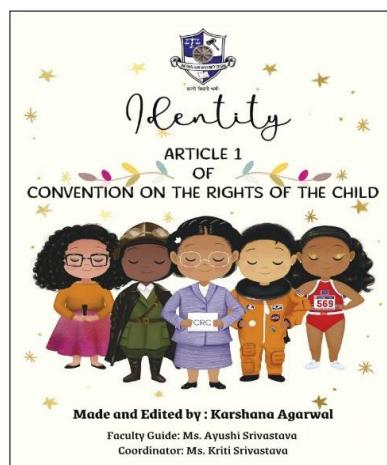


II. Explainer Series

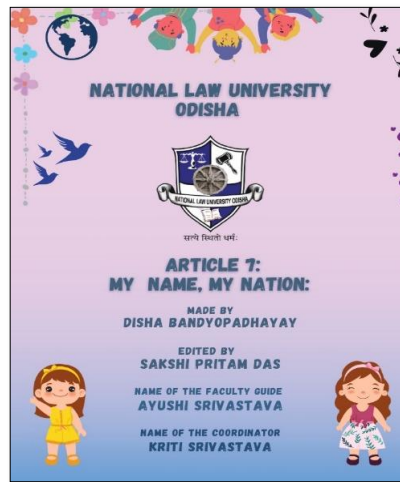
UN Convention on Rights of the Child explainer series: A fun and engaging take on key operative articles. 11 Fun Books on 11 articles of UNCRC have been published. They are –

1. Agarwal, K. (2024). Fun Book: Article 1 of Convention on the Rights of the Child. National Law University, Odisha.

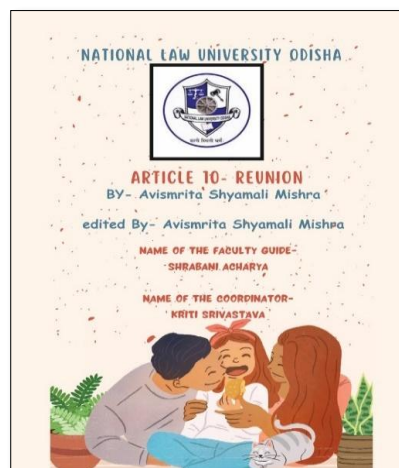
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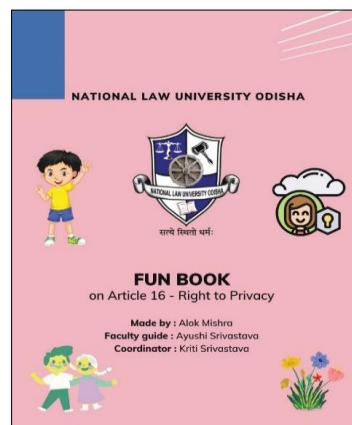
2. Bandyopadhyay, D. & Das, S. P. (2024). Fun Book: Article 7 - My Name, My Nation. National Law University Odisha.
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3. Mishra, A. S. (2024). Fun Book: Article 10 - Reunion. National Law University Odisha.
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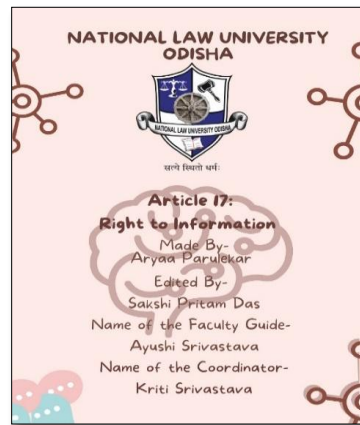


4. Mishra, A. (2024). Fun Book: Article 16 - Right to Privacy. National Law University Odisha.
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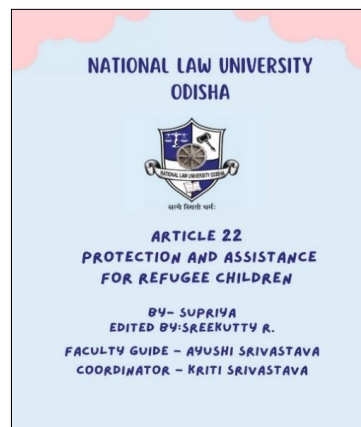
5. Parulekar, A.& Das, S.P. (2024). Fun Book: Article 17 - Right to Information. National Law University Odisha.

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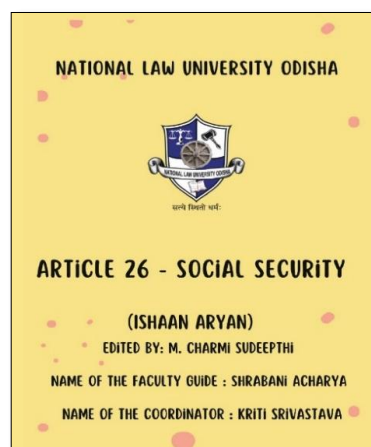
6. Supriya. & R, S. (2024). Fun Book: Article 22 - Protection and Assistance for Refugee Children. National Law University Odisha.

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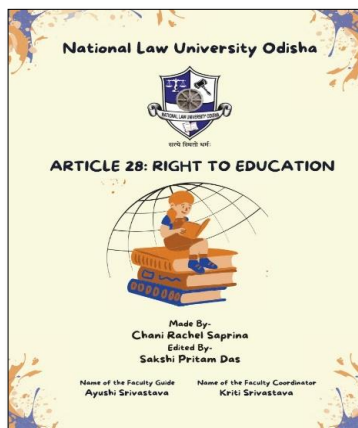
7. Aryan, I. & Sudeepthi, M.C, (2024). Fun Book: Article 26 - Social Security. National Law University Odisha.

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8. Saprina, C. R. & Das, C.R (2024). Fun Book: Article 28 - Right to Education. National Law University Odisha.

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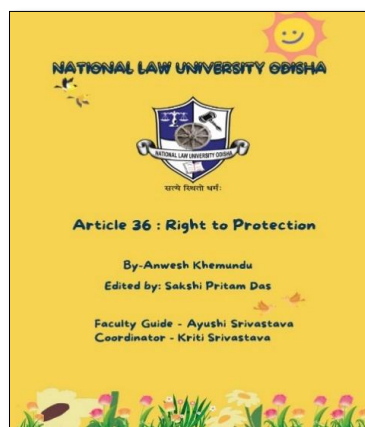
9. Das, S. P. (2024). Fun Book: Article 34 - Guiding Childhood: Prevent & Protect. National Law University Odisha.

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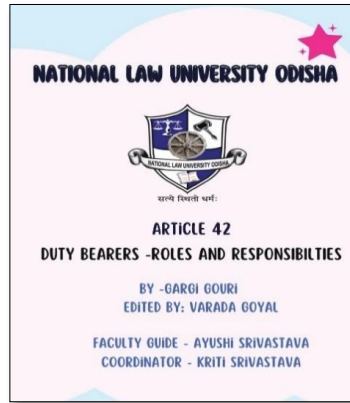


10. Khemundu, A. & Das, S.P. (2024). Fun Book: Article 36 - Right to Protection. National Law University Odisha.

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11. Gouri, G. & G, Varada. (2024). Fun Book: Article 42 - Duty Bearers - Roles and Responsibilities. National Law University Odisha.
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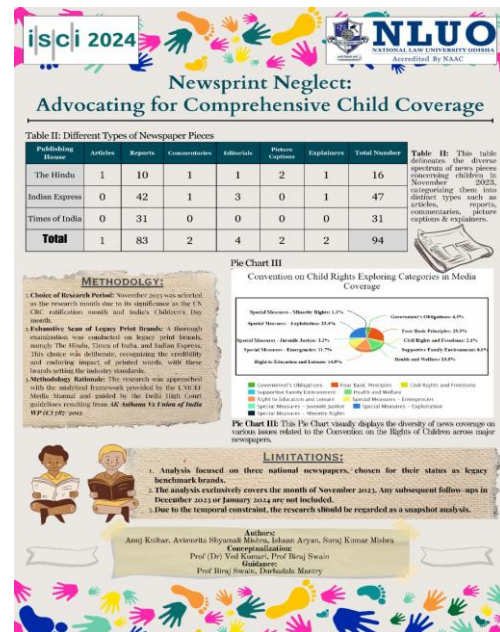
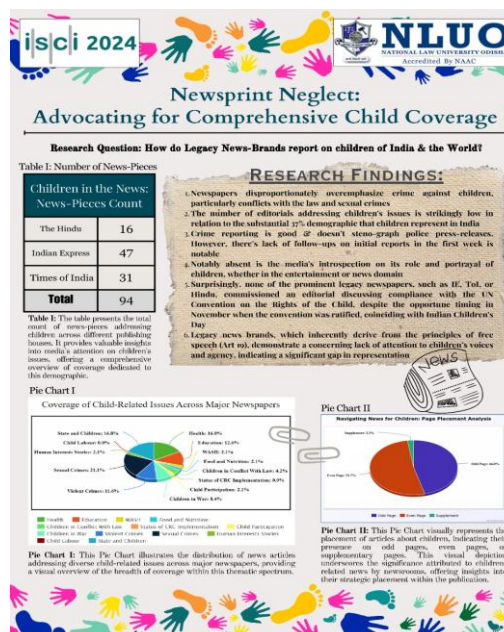


III. Research Posters: MediaScan Research on Children in News Poster Panels

1. Kumar, A., Mishra, A. S., Aryan, I., & Mishra, S. K. (n.d.). *Media Scan Research on Children in News Poster Panels.*

This is the first ever research done by any law school on media coverage of issues concerning children in India and the world. Three legacy news brands, the Indian Express, The Hindu and The Times of India have been analysed on their content and coverage of children in news for the month of November 2023, using the lens of the UNICEF Press-Wise Media Manual and the guidelines issued in the A.K. Asthana vs Union of India judgement of 2012 (WP 787/2012). This research has been conceptualised by Prof Ved Kumari and Prof Biraj Swain. The faculty guides are Prof Biraj Swain and Durbadala Mantry and conducted by student-authors Anuj Kulhar, Avismrita Shyamali Rai, Ishaan Aryan and Suraj Mishra.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kPQQ2QouP3tWBJJkpKHBuxNbagQZN6RT/view>



IV. Newsletter

The first ever Newsletter of the Centre has been led and prepared by the student members of CCR and is launching on 10th December, 2024 (**World Human Rights Day**).

Centre for Child Rights. (2024). Newsletter: December 2024 - January 2025. National Law University Odisha.

https://nluo.ac.in/storage/2024/12/Bi-monthly-Newsletter_Dec24-Jan25_Centre-ofChild-Rights.pdf

V. Relaunching the Centre for Child Rights' flagship journal, the *Journal on the Rights of Child*

Curated the editorial team and the editorial advisory board with credentialed experts:

- **Editor in Chief:** Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO
- **Editor:** Prof. Biraj Swain, CM's Chair Professor, CCR-NLUO
- **Editorial Team:**
 - Dr. Swagatika Samal, Researcher, CCR-NLUO
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 - Hon'ble Justice Madan B Lokur, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Former Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee, Supreme Court of India
 - Hon'ble Justice Geeta Mittal, Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court
- Set the guidelines for submission and the terms and topics of acceptance and created the brochure
- Broadcast / amplified the brochure advertising the journal and the call for submissions across LawOctopus and LiveLaw and multiple national and global credentialed legal and social science research platforms
- The inaugural edition of the journal, is coming in April, 2025 when Centre for Child Rights – National Law University Odisha turns 10 (<https://nluo.ac.in/news/call-for-papers-nlu-odishas-journal-on-the-rights-of-the-child/>)

The centre has already received some papers and the concerned Journal Editorial Board has made the review of the papers.

B.2 ISCI: A Conference dedicated to “measuring what matters” in child rights and well-being. Centering well-being from the periphery -

The 9th International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) Conference, hosted by the National Law University Odisha (NLUO), marked a historic and transformative event for both the institution and the region. Themed “Global Childhoods: Critical Perspectives Promoting Theoretical, Empirical, and Policy Understandings,” the conference was a testament to the collective ambition, dedication, and passion for child welfare shared by academics, policymakers, activists, and practitioners worldwide. This was the first ever ISCI conference to be held in Odisha and India, an achievement made possible by the visionary leadership of NLUO’s Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ved Kumari, Registrar Prof. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, and the unwavering support of students and faculty. The conference resonated deeply with the notion that **children are not only our future but our present**, and investing in their well-being is a shared responsibility.

The conference, attended by **86 delegates** from **24 countries**, unfolded over three days of dynamic engagement, marked by plenary sessions, panel discussions, and presentations. The event's opening was graced by the Hon’ble Chief Justice of the Odisha High Court, Shri Chakradhari Sharan Singh, alongside distinguished figures such as Former Supreme Court Judge Shri Madan Lokur, Odisha State Commissioner for Protection of Child Rights Shrimati Mandakini Kar, and UNICEF Odisha Chief William Hanlon Jr. Their presence underscored the event’s importance and highlighted the collaborative efforts between the judiciary, civil society, and international organizations in championing child rights.

One of the defining moments of the inauguration was the unveiling of three pioneering projects by NLUO students and faculty. The “Fun Books” project presented a creative take on 11 articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), designed to engage non-legal audiences and foster awareness of child rights. Another groundbreaking initiative, “Kaleidoscope of Children: Issues through the Lens of the Youth,” fostered a feeling of justice among law students by visualizing child-related concerns through the prisms of empathy and fraternity. Additionally, a comprehensive media scan analysed how child-centric issues are represented in mainstream newspapers, aligning with UNICEF-PressWise guidelines and the precedent set by the landmark AK Asthana vs. Union of India judgment. These initiatives not only demonstrated the University’s commitment to experiential learning but also reflected the transformative power of education in shaping future legal practitioners with a heart for social justice.

The conference’s **thematic focus spanned 8 critical areas**, including childhood well-being, health, education, food security, freedom of choice, justice, and basic rights. With **3 plenary sessions, 25 technical sessions, 36 presentations** (30 in-person and 6 online), **11 panel discussions**, and **3 poster presentations**, the event served as a melting pot of ideas and innovations. Eminent speakers delved into topics that extended beyond traditional indicators of child welfare, such as health and education, to address more nuanced dimensions like happiness and subjective well-being. The discourse underscored the importance of co-designing research with children, allowing their voices to shape the narratives and policies that affect their lives.

A significant breakthrough during the conference was the realization that adolescent boys, often overlooked in child protection discourse, require greater attention and resources. This “Cinderella topic,” as described during the sessions, highlighted the pressing need to address gender-based violence and promote inclusive, gender-sensitive approaches to child welfare.

Another key takeaway was the evolving definition of family structures, reflecting the realities of transnational families, blended households, and the diverse experiences of children navigating complex familial dynamics. These insights are crucial in framing policies that acknowledge and respond to the shifting social landscape.

The conference also shed light on intensive parenting practices and their implications for children's mental health and development. Discussions revealed how parental ambitions and insecurities can inadvertently burden children, shaping their experiences and opportunities in ways that may hinder their holistic growth. Additionally, the re-analysis of National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS-5) data illuminated the anthropometric challenges faced by children, particularly the double burden of malnutrition and obesity, reinforcing the need for integrated health and nutrition policies.

Children's participation emerged as a recurring theme, with several sessions dedicated to exploring methodologies for amplifying their voices. The distinction between having a voice and being heard was a critical point of reflection, urging policymakers to prioritize not just consultation but meaningful engagement with children. This shift in perspective calls for a reimagining of child protection norms, emphasizing the proactive role of state and community actors in safeguarding children's rights.

The conference also ventured into methodological frontiers, highlighting the significance of working with large datasets and cross-continental samples. Inter-sectional research methods were championed as essential tools for uncovering hidden patterns and generating actionable insights. Furthermore, the integration of India's National Food Security Act within the child welfare framework illustrated how legal provisions could enhance school meal programs, fostering cognitive development and improving educational outcomes.

Beyond the academic rigor, the conference celebrated Odisha's rich cultural heritage, offering delegates an immersive experience of the state's artistic and historical treasures. Evening performances of Odishi and Sambalpuri dance forms, coupled with visits to iconic landmarks such as the Konark Sun Temple, Puri, and Raghurajpur artisan village, provided a vibrant cultural interlude that underscored the conference's holistic approach to engagement. Delegates also participated in community visits to NLUO's neighborhood outreach program, KUTUMB, where they witnessed grassroots initiatives aimed at creating child-friendly communities. These interactions bridged the gap between theory and practice, reinforcing the principle that child welfare is not confined to institutional frameworks but thrives in the collective actions of communities. By engaging with local residents in Brajabeharipur, Baba Tilaknagar, and Valmiki Nagar, participants gained firsthand insights into the lived realities of vulnerable children, enriching the conference's discourse with grounded perspectives.

As the curtains closed on the 9th ISCI Conference, the overwhelming sentiment was one of hope, determination, and shared purpose. The event successfully carved out a space for diverse voices and perspectives, embodying the ethos articulated by renowned author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – the importance of telling diverse stories and living diverse lives. This sentiment was palpable in every session, every conversation, and every cultural exchange, reflecting a collective aspiration to build a more just, inclusive, and child-centered world.

The 9th ISCI Conference was not merely an academic gathering but a vibrant confluence of ideas, cultures, and commitments. It reinforced the belief that the well-being of children is intricately linked to the health of societies and that investing in children's rights and welfare is an investment in our collective future. By fostering cross-border collaborations and amplifying the voices of those dedicated to child welfare, the conference laid the foundation for

transformative change, inspiring all who attended to continue the journey of advocacy, research, and action for the world's most vulnerable citizens.

The CM's Chair Professor at the Centre for Child Rights (CCR), NLUO, being a centre dedicated for the child rights, played a pivotal role in organizing the 9th ISCI Conference. Beyond co-organizing the event, the CM's Chair Professor oversaw the quality check, editing, and publication of a book and 11 UNCRC fun books, conceptualising and guiding the students on the first ever media-scan research on "Children-In-News". Those were launched during the conference. The CM's Chair Professor chaired five sessions and also presented the official Conference Report at the valedictory session. Additionally, the CCR team supported key dignitaries, including ministers and justices, by assisting in drafting their messages for the conference.

Video link of the inauguration ceremony of ISCI conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/xyehnwBOG9k?si=KPrXy7LLvhZxN9J1>

Video link of the valedictory ceremony of ISCI conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/0KKRgj-NkZI?si=1czyDAggp8NNjQar>

B.3 Transforming communities and habitats into Child Friendly Communities and Habitats: Project KUTUMB

A flagship programme of NLUO, KUTUMB, was initiated on August 2, 2022. The Project KUTUMB envisions to create a safe and nurturing environment for every child in the adopted communities by empowering the communities to actively engage in protecting vulnerable children, and strengthening the capacity of children, families, and local institutions to lead child-friendly initiatives there. Through collaboration with village bodies, caregivers, and government authorities, the project aims to establish sustainable child protection systems and committees, ensuring long-term well-being and development in alignment with Mission Vatsalya.

Project KUTUMB is supported by the CCR and other centres of the University who have jointly ventured to transform the three adopted villages nearby into **child-friendly communities**. To accomplish the vision of the project, the CM's Chair Professor, CCR-NLUO have undertaken the following activities/projects in the settlements.

- Organised a **one-day Financial Literacy cum Awareness Programme** on 8th April 2024.
<https://nluo.ac.in/storage/2024/10/Report-of-the-Financial-Literacy-Awareness-Programme-08-04-2024-1-1.pdf>
- Co-created a film named "**Humans of Kutumb**" to showcase the impact of Kutumb initiative on the target communities.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z6w1gi-2--Pa80g9zkJ82eA8b0WULQA3/view>
- Initiated a pilot project to **strengthen government systems from the ward level and map vulnerable children and at-risk families** through a historic child protection and prevention model
- **Developed a vulnerability mapping tool** (improved on the Aide-et-Action tool), including **child-friendly community indicators on the Kobo Collect**

platform, which was stress-tested by Prof. (Dr) Rita Ray, an eminent sociologist and NLUO adjunct professor

- Completed the **community needs assessment** and **child vulnerability mapping** by administering the mapping tools and by conducting interviews, Focus Group Discussion (FGD), Transect Walk and Home Visits.
- The CCR has co-initiated **child-specific interventions** for the identified vulnerable children and at-risk families based on child vulnerability mapping.
- The CCR has identified all the disabled children of the KUTUMB communities and making their detailed plan. In collaboration with Centre for Disability and Law, NLUO-CCR is facilitating all the identified children and parents with disability, be recorded, acquire disability certificate and be linked to their entitlements in various programmes run by the Govt of Odisha and the SSEPD (Social Security Empowerment and Persons with Disability) Department.

B.4 Curating courses with focus on the praxis and lexis of child rights and experiential learning from the best advocated of child rights:

B.4.a Child Rights Optional Paper: 7th Semester

An optional paper on “**Child Rights**” which includes all dimensions of child rights i.e. child well-being, protection, and the intersectionality of macro-factors affecting children's lives offered to fourth-year law students. This is curated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Ved Kumari and Prof. Swain and reviewed by Honorary Professor Enakshi Ganguly.

B.4.b Food and Nutrition Justice: 10th Semester

An optional paper on “**Food and Nutrition Justice**” is designed by CM’s Chair Professor Biraj Swain. First of its kind paper offered in any Law University on the genesis and specifics of food and nutrition laws, the recognition of food and nutrition rights and its impact on the cognitive development of children, their entitlements and life chances. The course is being offered in the 10th semester of BA-LLB, BBA-LLB programme and is a clinical paper.

B.4.c Mentorship programme for early career child protection professionals

The Child Protection Mentorship Program, offered by the Centre for Child Rights (CCR), National Law University Odisha, in collaboration with UNICEF, is for early career professionals with a focus on experiential learning from the experts and practitioners.

The programme is intended to create a pool of qualified, skilled and sensitive human resources for spearheading the effective implementation of child-focused schemes, programs and policies in the State of Odisha. This year-long program, offered in a hybrid mode, blends online and in-person training to ensure flexibility and accessibility. Fifty participants will be selected from a pool of professionals such as counsellors, case workers, social workers and support persons as members of Child Help Line, Juvenile Justice Boards, Child Welfare Committees, District Child Protection Units and Special Juvenile Police Units. The program will equip participants with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills to understand child protection frameworks, address complex child rights issues, and contribute meaningfully to system strengthening. Upon completion, they will demonstrate enhanced capacity to engage with vulnerable children, advocate for their rights, and implement policies effectively in their respective domains.

B.5 Shaping the public discourse: Media engagement and public education

1. Leader Op-Ed in LiveLaw: Shukla, M., & Swain, B. (2024, November 14). The Unintended Victims: How POCSO Affects Adolescents' Autonomy and Access to Health. Retrieved from Live Law:
<https://www.livelaw.in/articles/pocso-act-reforms-consensual-teenagerrelationship-275180?fromIpLogin=44978.69018974659>
2. Leader Op-Ed in Bar and Bench: Swain, B., & Singh, S. (2024, November 14). Why are the safeguards against child labour failing child influencers? Retrieved from Bar and Bench:
<https://www.barandbench.com/columns/why-are-the-safeguards-against-child-labourfailing-child-influencers>
3. The CM's Chair Professor was interviewed by the public broadcaster Doordarshan Odia on the occasion of Children's Day as part of an educative-explainer programme on Child Rights:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktORLNvXj7E&pp=ygUcZGQgb2RpYSBhbWEgYWYFpbjBiaXJhaiBzd2FpbG%3D%3D>

B.6 Designing research foregrounding the children and their best interests

Following are the research proposals submitted to various apex bodies seeking research grants -

1. **“Understanding Why Children come in Conflict with Law”** submitted to UNICEF, as part of an international bid. This research is exploratory in nature, focussed on identifying what works and preventive measures. This is an intensive research with a heavy-weight international advisory team. Prof Ved Kumari is the PI, Dr Kalpana Purushottaman is the Co-PI and the CM Chair Prof Biraj Swain is the Research Manager-cum-core author and the three Researchers/Faculties who are core staff of CCR i.e. Ankit K Keshari, Dr Pradipta Sarangi, Dr Swagatika Samal are core researchers in this proposal.

Aiming to generate Odisha based evidence for shaping a fit-for-purpose juvenile justice system, this research intends to contribute to the national and global discourse on the praxis and lexis of CiCL and the most effective prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration strategies.

2. **“Implementation of the Right to Education Act in Odisha: An Exploratory Study”**, submitted to Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) by Dr. Pradipta Kumar Sarangi and Dr. Swagatika Samal to examine the impact of school consolidation on access, equity, participation and learning outcomes on the poorest and most marginalised in Odisha. To be more specific, this research aims to study the issues, challenges and opportunities associated with implementation of key provisions made under Right to Education Act, 2009, with special reference to access, equity and inclusion in education of children aged 6-14 years. Both descriptive survey and case study research methods, including mixed-methods design will be followed in carrying out the study. The outcomes of the study will be of immense value in Odisha which may support policy makers in making more informed, contextually relevant decisions

for effective implementation of RTE Act, 2009 with its intended outcomes and national education goals.

3. **"Childcare Institutions and Wellbeing of Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP): An Empirical Study in Odisha"** submitted to ICSSR by Prof. Ved Kumari and Mr. Ankit Kumar Keshri. It aims to investigate the experiences and well-being of vulnerable children living in institutional care. With around 3 lakh orphans in India residing in such institutions, this study addresses critical gaps in understanding the effectiveness of childcare facilities. The research will focus on six districts in Odisha with the highest concentration of childcare institutions. By using quantitative survey methods and interviewing CNCPs and staff, the study seeks to provide empirical evidence to guide deinstitutionalisation policies. It will explore the factors influencing children's well-being, examining how institutional care compares to family-based alternatives. The findings are expected to shape more informed and targeted approaches to child welfare, contributing valuable insights to both policymakers and child rights advocates, ensuring better care, protection, and rehabilitation for vulnerable children across the region.
4. Regarding the research on **"Disability and JJ and child rights' intersectionality"**, the CM's Chair Professor team is in conversation with the SSEPD for co-designing a pan-Odisha study for a comprehensive census of the disabled children and the responsiveness of the nodal departments i.e. School and Mass Education, Women and Child Development, Juvenile Justice structures (i.e. District Child Protection Office, Juvenile Justice Boards, Child Welfare Committees, Child Care Institutions etc) and the SSEPD. This is on the mandate of the Hon'ble SC Juvenile Justice Committee (and subsequent mandate of the Odisha High Court Juvenile Justice Committee) to make the disabled children "invisible no more" and work on the intersectionality of juvenile justice and disability rights. SSEPD is keen regarding expanding the scope of the study with NLUO-CCR and make it pan-Odisha on the back of the CJI led bench's judgment on WP 243/2017 i.e. *Rajive Raturi Vs Union of India and others* that pronounced "access" as a fundamental human right.

B.7 Integrating child rights into everyday efforts: Other initiatives

B.7.a Participation in Civil Society Events

The CM's Chair Professor, CCR-NLUO participated in the 10th anniversary celebration of Ashayen, a non-profit organization dedicated to street and working children (Children in Street Situation), on January 30, 2024 at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Ved Kumari contributed a message, and the CM's Chair Professor chaired a session on the challenges and way forward. Students and faculty members attached to the CCR also participated in the event.

B.7.b Resource Person/Chairing Sessions

- CM's Chair Professor Child Rights chaired the Odia Diaspora Session on Odisha Vision 2030, organised by Odisha Vikash Conclave, on December 7, 2023

- CM's Chair Professor chaired five sessions at the 9th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators: Global Childhoods: Critical Perspectives Promoting Theoretical, Empirical and Policy Understandings held from 14th-16th February 2024
- CM's Chair Professor was the opening speaker on Hindu women's property rights in a post-Covid world and the expectations for financial regulators, in the NCW Consultation on Women's Property Rights, organized by the Centre for Women and Law (CWL), NLUO in January 2024
- CM's Chair Professor delivered a talk on "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012" in the NCW Sponsored Eastern Region Law Review Consultation on Cyber Laws Affecting Women, organised by the Centre for Women and Law at NLUO in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW) on 9th November 2024
- CM's Chair Professor was interviewed by the public broadcaster DD-Odia on 17th November 2024
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktORLNvXj7E>
- The CM's Chair Professor CCR-NLUO presented in the 118th Faculty Seminar on "Data Revolution in SDGs: New Words, New Processes or just same old Censorship and Challenges??" on 7th August, 2024 at Conference Hall, NLUO.

Abstract of the presentation:

Data is increasingly coined as the new OIL. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015, are a historic commitment to take on the world's most pressing and intractable problems. These 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) make up what has become known as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and are supported by 169 targets and 232 indicators. From the beginning, the SDGs have been closely tied to the UN data revolution. The concept of the data revolution recognizes that we now face "an exponential increase in the volume and types of data available, creating unprecedented possibilities for informing and transforming society and protecting the environment."

But the truth is there is no clear definition, from numbers, to private information, statistical surveys and census to broadband and internet, everything is termed data and harvesting data for business / market capitalisation has become more important than making the processes and definitions inclusive, using data for development planning. Worse, while there is more of numbers, there is even more of censoring inconvenient facts / surveys / census. Hence data revolution in SDGs is a non-starter! This presentation takes the specific cases of poverty-line definition and hunger-line definitions over the years and how they have done more harm than good to the cause of the marginalised and affected the academic discourse and policy actions adversely. It is a deep dive into the road to data revolution so far and all that is left to be done. It is also a synthetic review of the author's work on SDGs and development over 2012-2018 published in various academic and journalistic platforms and some real-world consequences of these research writings and commentaries.

B.7.c Additional academic contribution of the CM's Chair Professor

- The CM's Chair Professor taught secondary surveys and data sources as part of research methodology to PhD scholars
- The CM's Chair Professor is also guiding an LLM student on her dissertation "Impact on teenagers being framed by POCSO"
- The CM's Chair Professor was also the internal examiner of the P thesis of Dr Nikita Pattajoshi
- The CM's Chair Professor taught a double-class on Media Ethics, Law and Regulatory Capture to the 9th Semester
- The CM's Chair Professor presented a paper in the faculty seminar series: Data Revolution 2.0 in the era of Censorship 2.0
- The CM's Chair Professor CCR-NLUO is also member of the Academic Council and Governing Council of the National Law University Odisha

B.7.d Exam paper setting

The CM's Chair Professor, CCR-NLUO provided technical support to CNLU by setting up question papers and model answers for Bihar PSC exams conducted to recruit JJB and CWC members during September/October 2024.

Dr. Swagatika Samal and Mr. Ankit Keshri set the recruitment exam paper for project fellow of the Azim Premji Foundation supported Prison Advocacy Project being led by NLUO.

B.7.e Other initiatives of the CM's Chair Professor, CCR-NLUO

- A 20-member student body was recruited for the CCR through a very open and inclusive process where every applicant student was interviewed
- The Social Media pages i.e. Instagram and LinkedIn, of CCR created and managed by the student members of CCR on the Children's Day of India i.e. 14th Nov 2024

Instagram link- CCR_NLUO

<https://www.instagram.com/centreforchildrightsnluo/profilecard/?igsh=M2ZobHZyNGI5em15>

LinkedIn link-CCR_NLUO

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ccr-nluo-88a27b338>

- Ankit K Keshri attended the **Odisha HC JJC consultation on Disability and CiCL, CNCP and POCSO intersectionality**
- Prof. Swain attended the Hon'ble **SC JJC consultation on Disability and CiCL, CNCP, JJC intersectionality**

- Prof. Swain attended the UNICEF South Asia consultation on **Nourishing South Asia Regional Technical Consultation: Evidence synthesis on preconception Nutrition in South Asia and way forward**
- Supported the hosting of the flagship event of NLUO, **the Shri Dinabandhu Sahu Annual Memorial Lecture:**
 - By inviting the key speaker for the year in person i.e. Dr. Amod Kanth, Juvenile Justice champion, former IPS Officer, founder-mentor of Prayas, and winner of US State Department’s Global Hero Award and Prof Sarmistha Sahu, the donor
 - Broadcasting the event
 - Chair Prof. hosted the event
 - CCR student members Poorna and Amit and one of the Co-Director Shubhanginee Singh rapporteured the event
- The CM’s Chair Professor harnessed and connected opportunities with **Recruitment Coordination Committee:**
 - Policy Officer for Pulitzer funded Land and Conflict Watch
 - Unicef Odisha opportunity for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) student graduate
- The CM’s Chair Prof. harnessed and connected opportunities with **Internship Committee:**
 - Medicines Sans frontiers
 - Centre for Financial Accountability & Transparency
 - Hon’ble SC Judge Justice Abhay S Oka
 - Hon’ble SC Judge Justice K.V. Vishwanathan
- The CM’s Chair Professor team participated in the **“Ten Days Faculty Development Programme at National Law University Odisha on Data Analysis, Microsoft Excel, Qualitative Research and Stress Management”** from 25th November, 2024 to 6th December, 2024
- The **CM’s Chair Professor team also provided internships** to:
 - Ms Umme Amaan, Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
 - Ms Madeeha Jamal, KIIT University
 - Ms Adyasha Shyam, National Law University, Delhi

C. FUTURE PLANS OF CM’S CHAIR PROFESSOR

- Build and strengthen on the current initiatives
- Research and consultation on disabled children in conflict with law and the CCIs’ preparedness to house such children with special needs, care for them, skill them and re-integrate them into society
- Serve as the resource centre of excellence to the High Court – Juvenile Justice Committee

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- Design and implement longitudinal studies on (i) Right to Education implementation and compliance of EWS and SMC provisions (ii) NFSA (especially children and their nutrition entitlements for cognitive development) implementation amongst the indigenous' populations
 - Draft reports in line with the State of the World's Children
 - Track and encourage Child Rights' Enabling environment
 - UPR / UN CRC reporting: Official and shadow reporting
 - Multi-media explainer series
 - Media analyses and engagement to influence state of child rights' journalism
 - Extensive knowledge management i.e. research dissemination & advocacy
 - Conceptualise, build consensus and set up a desk for National Institution of Juvenile Justice Administration with special focus on probation of child offenders, their skilling and re-integration into society

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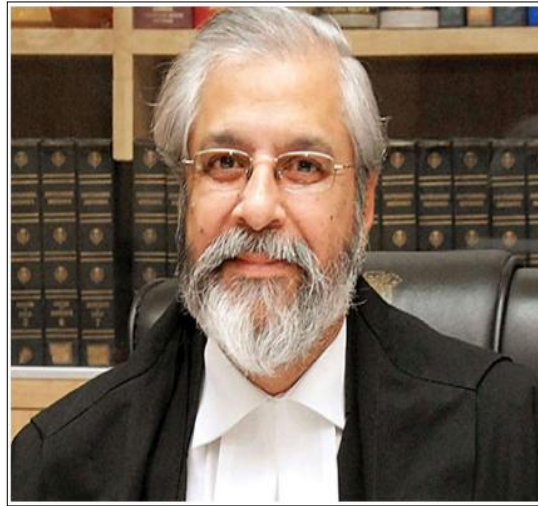


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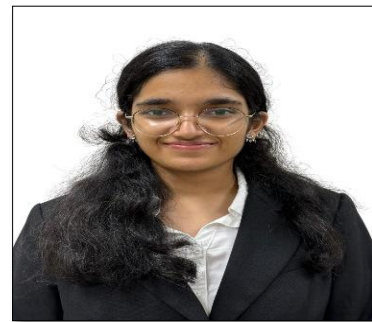
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THE YEAR 2024 THROUGH VISUALS



Photograph 1: CCR-NLUO team at Department of SSEPD, LokasevaBhavan, Govt. of Odisha



Photograph 2: Financial Literacy and Awareness Programme for the Community People



Photograph 3: Financial Literacy and Awareness Programme for the Community People



Photograph 4: Focus Group Discussion at Brajbeharipur, Cuttack



Photograph 5: Community Meeting for Vulnerability Mapping at Balmiki Nagar, Cuttack



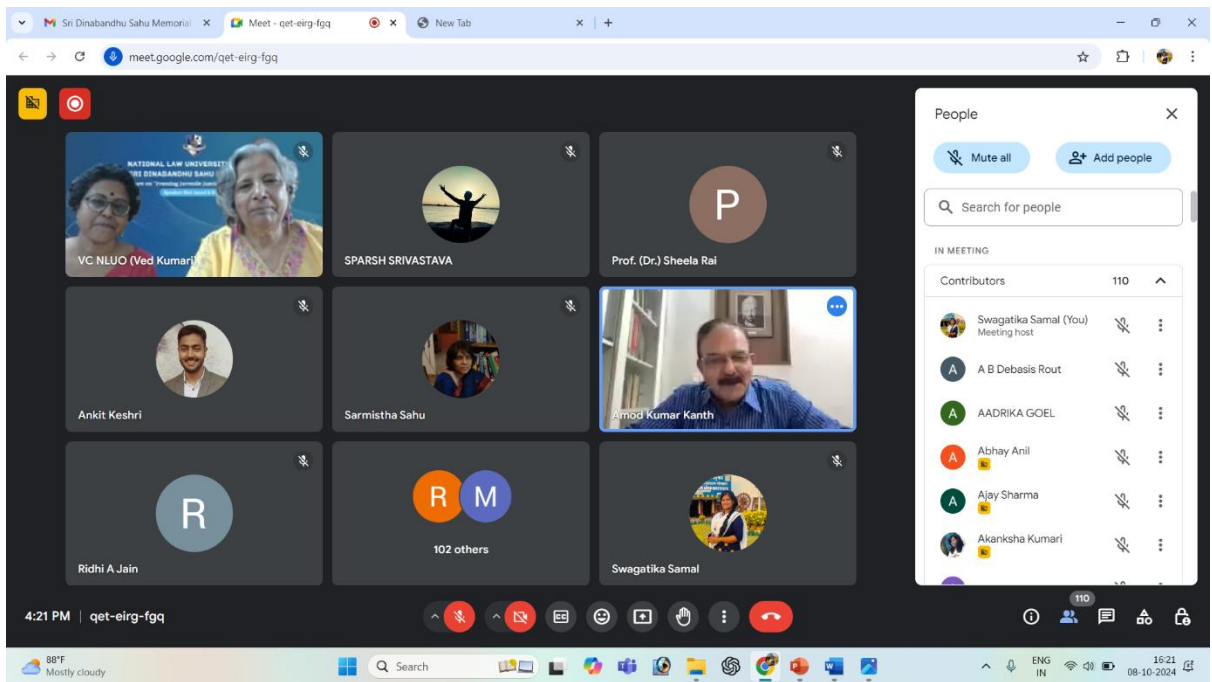
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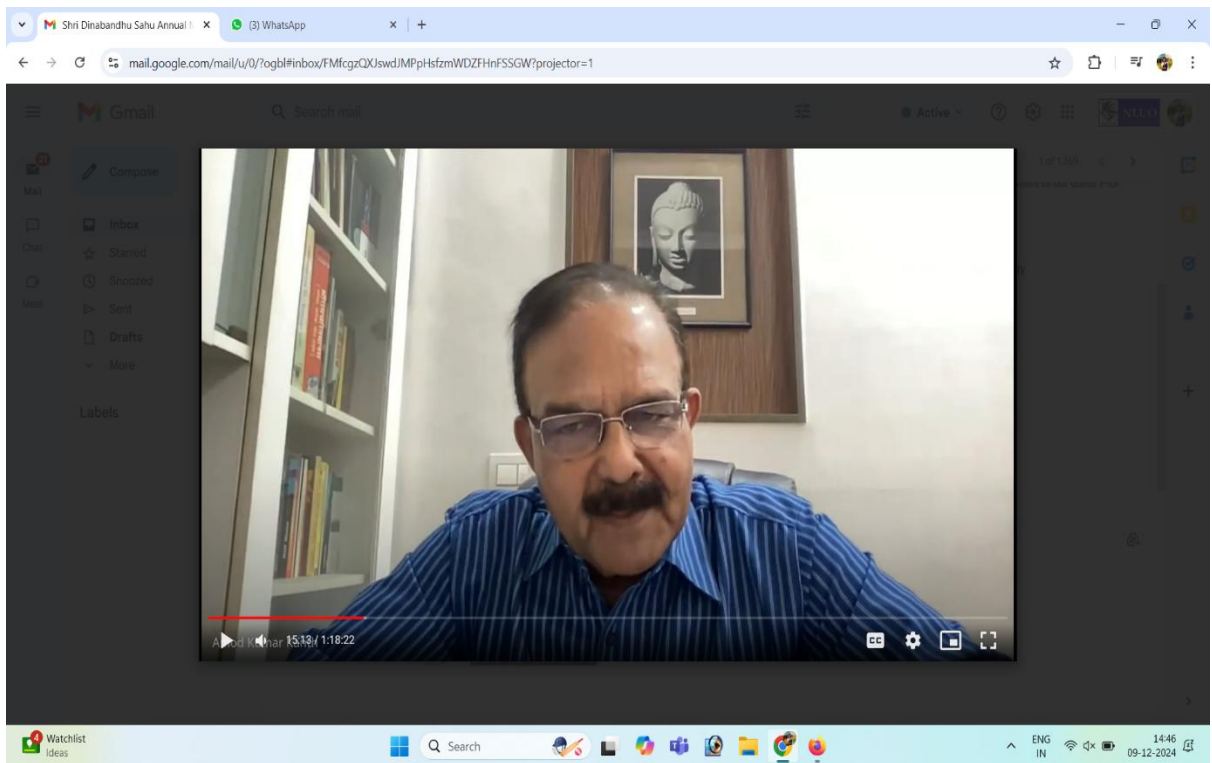
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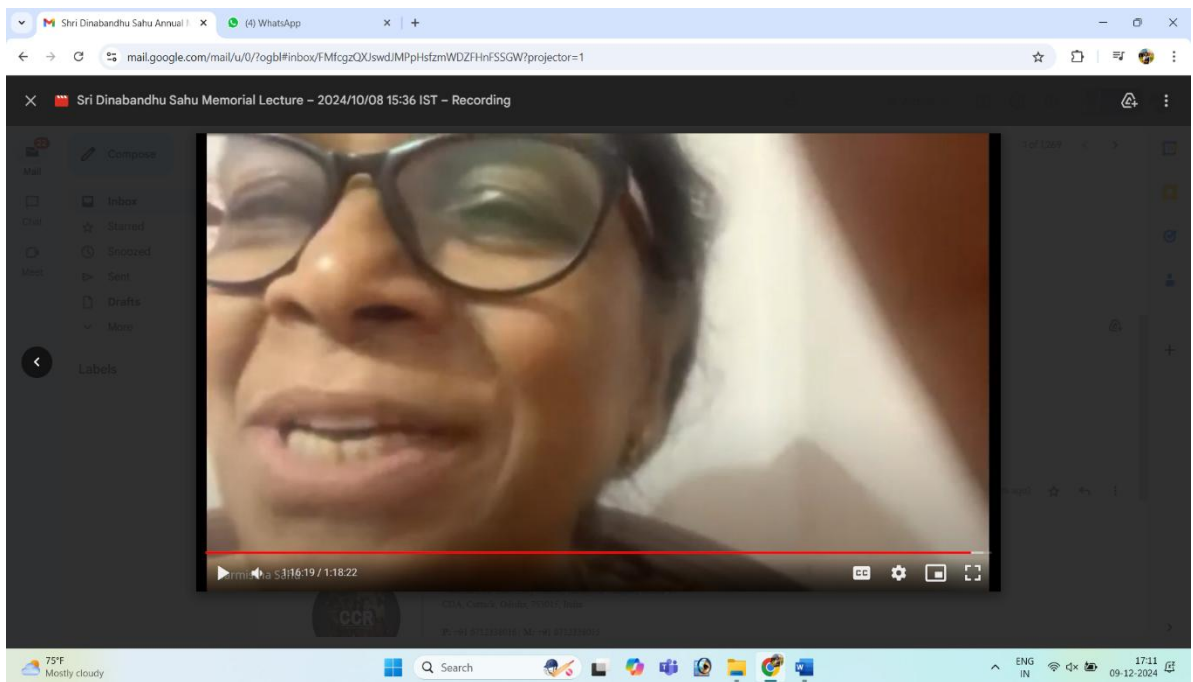
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