STATE LEVEL ROUND TABLE
ON
MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILDREN IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: ROLE OF STATE, SOCIETY AND SELF
&
UNVEILING OF THE JOURNAL ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD OF NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA, VOLUME VII, ISSUE II

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CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS (CCR), NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA (NLUO)

AND

CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU (CRY)

Date: 14.11.2026 / Second Saturday
Time: 9.00 am – 2.30 pm IST
(Including Registration, Group Photo and Lunch)

About the Event:

The Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha (NLUO), in partnership with Child Rights and You (CRY), is organising a State-Level Round Table on ***"Mental Health and Children in a Post-Pandemic World: Role of the State, Society and Self"*** **on 14th November 2026.** The event seeks to foster an in-depth conversation on mental health challenges amongst children and young people, particularly in the post-pandemic world. It aims to identify existing initiatives by the State and civil society, identify gaps in prevention and support systems, and promote collaborative, rights-based responses to children's mental well-being. Bringing together members of the judiciary, government departments, civil society organisations, mental health professionals and academia, the consultation will encourage collective action, strengthen inter-sectoral collaboration, and help destigmatise conversations around mental health.

The event will also feature the unveiling of *Journal on the Rights of the Child of National Law University Odisha*, Volume VII, Issue II.

Key Dignitaries who will be speaking at the programme on 14th November, 2026 are as follows:

Prof (Dr) K Vidyullatha Reddy
Vice Chancellor, National Law University Odisha &
Patron, Centre for Child Rights, Journal on the Rights of the Child of National Law University Odisha

Hon'ble Ms Justice Savitri Ratho
Judge, Orissa High Court and Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee, Orissa High Court

Hon'ble Mr Justice Aditya Kumar Mohapatra
Judge, Orissa High Court and Member of the Juvenile Justice Committee, Orissa High Court

Hon'ble Mr Justice M S Raman
Judge, Orissa High Court and Member of the Juvenile Justice Committee, Orissa High Court

Ms Puja Marwaha
Chief Executive Officer, Child Rights and You

Prof Rangin Pallav Tripathy
Registrar, National Law University Odisha

Smt Babita Patro
Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR)

Dr Mrinalini Darswal, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, GoO

Smt Shyni S, IPS
Addl. Director General of Police (ADGP), Crime against Women and Children's Wing, Odisha Police

Shri Indramani Tripathy, IAS
Labour Commissioner, Labour and ESI Department, GoO

Shri Shantanu Chakraborty
Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children (Bal Raksha Bharat)

Shri Jagadananda
Mentor and Co-Founder, Centre for Youth and Social Development, Centre for Youth and Social Development, and, Former State Information Commissioner, Odisha

Ms Sonal Kapoor
Founder and CEO, Protsahan India Foundation

Prof Kalpana Purushothaman
Adjunct Professor, Indian Institute of Psychology and Research, Bangalore, Founder, MANSAA and Former Member, Bangalore Urban JJB

Organiser:

Prof Biraj Swain
Chief Minister's Chair Professor cum Director, Centre for Child Rights, National Law University Odisha

Dr Swagatika Samal, Researcher, Chief Minister's Chair Professor Team, CCR
Dr Pradipta K Sarangi, Researcher, Chief Minister's Chair Professor Team, CCR
Mr Amulya K Swain, Office Assistant, Chief Minister's Chair Professor Team, CCR
Mr M Vijay Bhaskar, Co-Director, CCR, Assistant Prof of Law
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