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From Vice Chancellor's Desk



Children are considered to be the supreme asset of any country and a valuable gift of God to humanity. They are innocent, vulnerable and dependent and just like a sapling needs care, protection and proper nurturing with conducive environment to develop into a tree, a child too needs the same to grow up into a responsible human being. Children in Jharkhand are faced with several hardships. There is a high prevalence of under nutrition, acute malnutrition as well as anemia among children. In terms of education, Jharkhand faces several problems including poor school infrastructure, low levels of enrolment and lack of teachers. Also, there is high incidence of crimes against children including homicide, trafficking, rape and various other sexual offences. A huge chunk of children constitutes those living on the streets who suffer from vices like begging, substance abuse, may be in conflict with law as well as victims of various crimes. Having said that, amongst the most vulnerable groups are children from tribal background who experience significantly poorer living conditions than children in general because they have limited access to health and education facilities. In pursuance of the goal to promote, protect and fulfil the rights of children in the state of Jharkhand and other parts of India, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi has established the Center for Child Rights, a specialised Center to address issues relating to children. I wish the team of Center for Child Rights the very best in its noble endeavor to promote and protect the rights of children and hope that they shall successfully address all the issues affecting the children of Jharkhand.

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From Faculty Convenor



'Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give' but mankind has never been kind to the child. Children occupy an important place in the development of nation and the fact cannot be underestimated. Children are the ones who are key to the future world. So if one can do some good in the life of a child then there can be change, at least a slightest change, in the world to come. And if most of us think on the same lines, then we can hope of more changes and a little better future for our children and mankind as a whole. However, as of now this is but a dream, as millions of our children are not fully protected. Many of them are suffering violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation, exclusion and/or discrimination every day. Such violations limit their chances of surviving, growing, developing and pursuing their dreams. This also results in deprivation of children's contributions towards the society and the future of our nation ultimately. Hence, it is sine qua non for all nation states to ensure their children and provide them proper protection. It is the duty of the state to confirm that even the last child in the queue must be given the right to survive, to be safe, to belong, to be heard, to receive adequate care and to grow up in a protective environment. Keeping in mind the prevailing scenarios, Center for Child Rights (CCR), NUSRL has taken up this initiative to create awareness among the masses and support the State in the implementation of the aims and objectives as specified in various national and international legal instruments with special focus on children; provisions as outlined in the Constitution of India and various legislations which are in force. In our endeavour we have received immense support from the team of UNICEF Ranchi. The Center is financially supported by the UNICEF and is guided by the inputs from the Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Office, Ranchi. The main objective of this issue of 'Newsletter', is to bring to the kind attention of our readers, brief details of the activities organised by us during the year 2019. I hope that our this initiative shall bear fruits and we as a family will be successful in our this endeavour of creating a better tomorrow for all of mankind.

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Center FOR CHILD RIGHTS

Center for Child Rights (CCR) started work with focus on child protection in partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The vision of NUSRL and UNICEF is to develop the Center as a Center of Excellence for child protection and child rights. CCR has undertaken many activities where it has successfully conducted seminars, trainings and workshops for different functionaries.

The Faculty members have worked tirelessly in the field with their expertise and knowledge sharing. The student members of the Center have helped many local organizations with their support by preparing ready reckoners for police officers and modules on laws related to children besides acting as rapporteurs for State level Meetings and Consultations.

CCR aims to become a center of excellence for child protection and child rights in the state of Jharkhand, by acting as repository of knowledge related to laws related to child and their implementation, obtaining feedback from the field and understanding the bottlenecks in delivery of justice through action research, documenting case-studies, and bringing to the fore statistics on child protection with focus on Juvenile Justice System. This newsletter presents to you the programmes organised and contributions made by CCR in the past one year.

OUR EVENTS

Various programmes here under were organised in collaboration and partnership with the UNICEF, JHALSA, CID, DWC, the Jharkhand Judicial Academy, among others.

- ❖ Mapping the Standards of Government-run-observation Homes in State of Jharkhand. As part of this activity following actions have been carried out: **(May-July 2018)**
 - Seminar – I: Capacity development on the minimum standard of care in institutions (two days training of the student researchers, faculty members of the Center)
 - Identifying status of minimum standard of care in Government-run-Homes [two days visit to each observation home situated in ten districts of State of Jharkhand by one faculty member of the Center along with two student researchers – Ranchi, Deogarh, Bokaro, Dhanbad, Dumka, Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur, Chaibasa, Gumla, Simdega]
 - Seminar – II: Refreshment & review meeting of the inspection report prepared by the researchers and inspection committee
 - Submitted a Report to the DWCD Department, Government of Jharkhand with recommendations.
- ❖ Information and Education Material Preparation by Students of NUSRL and members of CCR on on Child Marriage for para-legal volunteers and on JJ Act for students of NLU, legal aid lawyers, CWC and JJB **(May 2018)** – These modules were used for creating mass awareness and were further used in training material.
- ❖ **Workshops**
 - ❖ State level workshop for capacity development of JJ functionaries and Center for Child Rights (NUSRL), held at Jharkhand Judicial Academy, Ranchi. **(2nd June, 2018)** – These trainings aimed at enhancing the capacity as well as quality of JJ Functionaries across the state of Jharkhand.
 - ❖ Ever since the Colonial Rule and the onset of era of Industrialization, Child Labor has been a great concern. From forcing the children to work in inhumane conditions to destroying their childhood, Child Labor has emerged out to be a significant danger to children. With this in mind a programme was organised Marking World Day Against Child Labor. **(14th June, 2019)**
 - ❖ Restorative justice workshops in CCIs (Baalashray and Premashray) in Ranchi. **(17th-19th December, 2018)** – Initiating Restorative Justice, victim offender dialoguing and healing in children violating children in CCIs



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❖ Training Programmes

- ❖ State level orientation on Alternative Family based care and dissemination of the foster care and sponsorship guidelines in partnership with DWCD held at BNR Chanakya Residency, Ranchi. **(8th May, 2018)** – The Jharkhand State issued Guidelines for Foster Care and Sponsorship for ensuring non institutional Family Based Care for children and The Center helped in both organizing as well as disseminating these guidelines throughout the state of Jharkhand.

- ❖ TOT [Training of Training] Master trainers in Police held at CID Ranchi in collaboration with the CID. **(2nd-5th July, 2018)** – The training was aimed at creation of a cadre of police officers who would carry forward the work of child friendly and child safe police stations, protocols and practices.

- ❖ Training of Chairperson and Members of CWCs held at Judicial Academy Jharkhand, Ranchi. **(6th-10th August, 2018)** – Training CWC chairpersons and members on using the sections in JJ correctly and using Forms correctly to ensure proper documentation of their Orders.

- ❖ State Level Advanced Training of CWC Chairpersons and Members across the State to facilitate Alternative Family based care of children through Sponsorship and Foster care – Review and follow up on training provided to CWC and JJB in August 2018, CCR in collaboration with UNICEF and Judicial Academy. **(27-30 Nov, 2018)** – Review of the training given earlier and use of proper sections and forms by CWC chairperson and staff through role play and instant feedback on their functioning led to greater clarity in their roles and documentation of their orders.

- ❖ CCR in collaboration with UNICEF and Judicial Academy organised training of JJB and SJPU at Capitol Hill, Ranchi. **(27 November, 2018)** – Enhanced understanding of JJ Act POCSO and their implementation.

- ❖ CCR organised a Refresher TOT in collaboration with UNICEF and with support of Judicial academy as a follow up of the TOT organised earlier in September 2018. **(19th-20th December, 2018).**

- ❖ Training of JJB members held at Hotel Le Lac. **(3rd-4th September 2018)** – The training helped the JJB members in using principles of diversion, of implication POCSO charges, transferring children to “place of safety” and ensuring its existence.

- ❖ State Level Training of Trainers on JJ Act, POCSO and Child Marriage **(25th-27th September, 2018)** – Creation and Identification of local trainers who could be a State Resource.

- ❖ State Level training and review meeting of Principal Magistrates held at [Jharkhand Legal Services Authority] JHALSA, Ranchi. **(3rd Nov 2018)** – Enhancing understanding of JJB Principal Magistrates on JJ, POCSO, PCMA and other child related legislations.

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- ❖ State Level Training of PLV Mentors strengthening Block Level Child Protection Committees (**24th-29th June, 2019**) – PLVs nominated for child protection were trained on laws related to children, on the identification of vulnerable children and their families and how to strengthen the Child protection Committees at their respective blocks.
- ❖ State Level Training of PLV Mentors with Focus on Alternative Family Based Care: Review cum Training (**21st-26th September, 2019**) – The PLVs nominated for child protection were further trained on Family Based Care through foster care and sponsorship and how they could aid in recommending children and families at risk for availing these services.
- ❖ Training of Counsellors on Basic Psycho Social Skills for children in difficult circumstances. (**16th-19th October 2019**) – Enhancing the basic skills of counsellors working with children in difficult circumstances.
- ❖ **Other Events**
 - ❖ State Level Consultation cum review meeting on Juvenile Justice (Care And Protection Of Children) Act, 2015, Integrated Child Protection Scheme And Protection Of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012 was organised By Jharkhand High Court Committee On Juvenile Justice In Collaboration With Department Of Women And Child Development, CCR And UNICEF, Jharkhand at BNR Chanakya, Ranchi (**3rd Nov, 2018**) – Review meeting wherein duty bearers had to explain implementation of JJ/POCSO/PCMA in the state of Jharkhand and way forward.
 - ❖ Chauwa Week was organised by student members of CCR, NUSRL in collaboration with UNICEF to spread awareness about JJ ACT, 2015, POCSO Act, 2012, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 1929, Child Labour Act, 1986 etc. (**19-25th November 2018**) – Celebration of International Day of the Child and various activities undertaken by the student members of CCR towards creating awareness on child rights in the State of Jharkhand





- ❖ Identification of capacity needs of staff at Tribal Ashramshalas and welfare residential schools of Jharkhand. **(14th-20th February, 2019)** – The capacity needs of the staff/ teachers were identified and recommendations were given for conducting trainings related to child protection and safety of children in both residential and non residential schools
- ❖ State Level Consultation with ChildLine: present status, identification of capacity needs and documentation of good practices. **(28th June, 2019)** – CHILDLINE Consultation ended with identification of capacity needs, how to communicate effectively and documentation of Best Practices.



- ❖ Winter Internship CCR engaged Interns from across the country for the activity of need assessment of the CCI staff, follow up on the action plan by CCIs and observation of minimum standards of care and protection. (2nd-28th January 2019)



- ❖ Sexual Assaults against children are on rise. With the ever growing crimes CCR felt the need to spread awareness regarding the POCSO Act, 2012. With this aim the Center organised a training of Trainers of Medical Professionals on POCSO Act in collaboration with Department of Health, UNICEF and ENFOLD. (12th-18th April, 2019)





- ❖ “A healthy mind lives in a healthy body”, people have understood this and have taken steps to bring reformation and prevent Adulteration. In this regard, Role of Civil Society in Implementation of National Food Security Act, 2013 cannot be ignored. Acknowledging their contribution, a programme was organised. **(26th July, 2019)**



- ❖ Justice should never be tainted, with this in mind CCR organised an Orientation cum Review Meeting on Restorative Justice. The seminar was appreciated by one and all present in the seminar. The word was spread and people vowed to keep Justice – Untainted. **(5th-6th September 2019)**



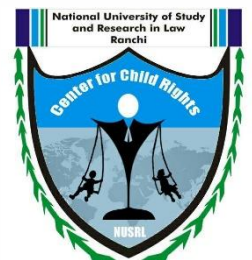
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Celebration of 2nd Edition of Chauwa Week at NUSRL, Ranchi. **(24th November-29th November, 2019)**
- Interactive sessions at the shelter homes in Ranchi, Premashraya and Balashraya. **(November, 2019)**
- Workshop on Sensitisation of School Students in Ranchi, Jharkhand. **(November-December, 2019)**
- NGO Consultation on Mapping Interventions on Child Protection at VISWA Ranchi, **(24 December 2019)**
- NGO Consultation on Ending Child Marriage **(31 December, 2019)**
- Certificate Programme on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015: Two-day Intensive Learning Programme at NUSRL, Ranchi. **(10th-11th January 2020)**

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