

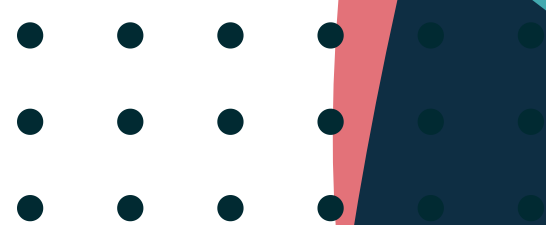
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PG DIPLOMA COURSE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE, CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

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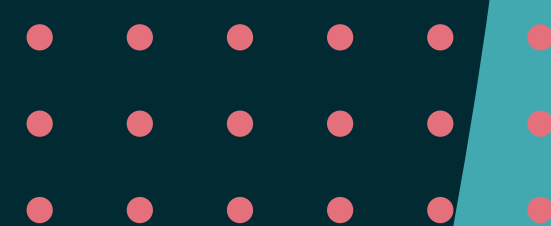
*Centre of Women and Child
Rights, GNLU, Gandhinagar &
Prayas Institute of Juvenile
Justice (PIJJ) - A Unit of Prayas
JAC Society.*



ABOUT GNLU



Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar (www.gnlu.ac.in), is a statutory university established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003, by the Government of Gujarat. Recognised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC), GNLU is a member of AIU, UNAI, and IALS. It offers interdisciplinary legal education through BA LLB, BCom LLB, BSc LLB, BSW LLB, and BBA LLB programmes, along with LLM, doctoral, and foreign law and language courses. In 2025, GNLU ranked 5th in NIRF, received a 'Five Star' rating from GSIRF, and was ranked 3rd by both Outlook and India Today among top law schools in India.



ABOUT GCWCR



**GNLU Centre for
Women and Child Rights**

The GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights (CWCR), established in September 2020 under Gujarat National Law University, is a Centre of Excellence dedicated to research and advocacy at the intersection of law and policy on gender rights, reproductive justice, and social inclusion.

Its work is driven by three core approaches – critical legal research, student-led advocacy, and collaborative projects aimed at social impact. GCWCR strengthens public policy through independent, non-partisan research on child rights, education, and the mental health and welfare of women and children. The Centre partners with key institutions, including the Ministry of Women and Child Development (GoI), the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, and the Gender Resource Centre of the Government of Gujarat, providing vital research and policy support.

Its research includes student-led studies on Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act, school mergers, and surrogacy laws. GCWCR actively engages the academic community through conferences, reading circles, and other forums promoting dialogue on women's and children's rights. Notably, its September 2023 representation to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare advocating HPV vaccine inclusion in the Universal Immunisation Programme received official acknowledgment. In 2025, GCWCR's submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on "A child-centered response to the sexual exploitation of children in street situations" was published on the OHCHR website, reflecting its growing role in shaping international child protection discourse.

ABOUT PRAYAS



INSTITUTE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre Society (PIJJ) (Estd. 1988; Reg. S/20291/1989) is a national-level, community-based, non-profit organisation dedicated to children, youth, and women. It works with marginalized, vulnerable, trafficked, run-away, and missing children, as well as deprived women, youth, and homeless individuals. Established in 1988 through the joint efforts of the Delhi Police, Delhi School of Social Work (University of Delhi), and Shramik Vidyapeeth (now Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, GoI), Prayas has evolved into one of India's leading child- and youth-focused organisations.

The society functions primarily through two key verticals – the Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice (PIJJ) and the Prayas Institute of Economic Empowerment (PIEE). While PIJJ leads initiatives in research, policy formulation, advocacy, and direct service under the Juvenile Justice framework, PIEE implements livelihood programmes and manages five Jan Shikshan Sansthans and the Sanchay Prayas Swavlamban Sansthan (SPSS), a Section 8 non-profit company.

Headquartered at Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi, Prayas operates 329 centres across 12 States/UTs, employing over 789 professionals and serving nearly 50,000 beneficiaries annually. It has supported more than 2.98 lakh individuals, including 1.94 lakh Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) and Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) under the Juvenile Justice Acts. Its projects address diverse areas such as child protection, anti-trafficking, juvenile justice, education, health and nutrition, skill development, livelihood promotion, disaster and crisis management, and homelessness rehabilitation.

PG DIPLOMA COURSE IN

JUVENILE JUSTICE, CHILD RIGHTS & CHILD PROTECTION

The Postgraduate Diploma in Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection is designed to give an in-depth understanding of key issues in protecting the rights of children through the Juvenile Justice system and related policies in India. It focuses on major child-related laws such as the Juvenile Justice Act 2015, the POCSO Act 2012, the Child Marriage Act 2006, the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005 and the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009.

The programme examines how the principles and provisions of the JJ Act create the framework for care, protection, development, welfare, rehabilitation and social reintegration of Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) and Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP). It also covers current child-related legislations, schemes and policies such as Mission Vatsalya, NALSA Child Protection Policy and the National Policy for Children 2013.

The course highlights that child rights are fundamental entitlements enjoyed by all children, regardless of race, gender, nationality or socio-economic status. These rights are grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which sets out four core principles: Survival Rights, Development Rights, Protection Rights and Participation Rights.

Over time, UNCRC-based rights have gained justiciability in India through various child-related laws, especially the JJ Act 2015 and the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005. The concept of “child” is generally aligned with the UNCRC and JJ Act as a person who has not completed 18 years of age, an approach now followed in successive laws including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023.

The programme views the rights and needs of the child as inseparable and sees the JJ system, together with Child Rights and Child Protection frameworks, as creating an ecosystem for all relevant stakeholders. These include DCPU, CWC, JJB, judges and prosecutors of Children’s Courts, the judiciary, SJPU, CWCPOs, SSB, RPF and GRP, national and state commissions for protection of child rights, legal services authorities, support persons and lawyers working with children, child-helpline teams, staff of child-care institutions, adoption agencies, and volunteers and CSOs working in juvenile justice, child protection and child rights.

Children are the foundation of society yet remain among the most vulnerable and neglected groups. Protecting and promoting child rights is crucial for their holistic development, safety and well-being, and for building a more just and equitable society.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

1

Developing the understanding of core legal instruments such as International Conventions and Treaties like the UNCRC, as well as the plethora of national legislations related to children.

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Creating an enabling environment for the fulfilment of juvenile justice, child rights, and child protection.

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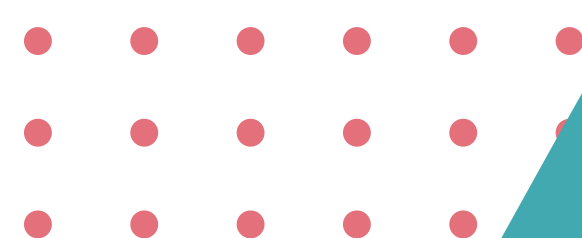
Attaining systemic and transformative changes through actions by stakeholders at multi-tier levels—village, panchayat, block, district, state, and national—through laid-down legal processes, providing support to CNCP, CCL, trafficked, abused, homeless, and working children.

4

Positioning India at the forefront of best practices for our shared vision of India 2047 through the implementation of constitutional and global commitments, and child protection laws and policies.

5

Promoting citizen accountability to challenge and change socio-economic and cultural narratives that normalize harmful practices such as child marriage, child trafficking, child labour, and all forms of child abuse.



COURSE SCHEME

The Program offers eight courses and one dissertation in two semesters

SEMESTER I

- Introduction to Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection
- Juvenile Justice System (JJS) in India vis-a-vis Child Rights & International Instruments
- Juvenile Justice, Child Protection & Child Rights - Definitions, scope & integrated concepts
- Child Rights Related Laws in India: Part I (Legal and Judicial Approach)

SEMESTER II

- Child Protection Mechanism
- Child Rights Related Laws in India: Part II
- Institutional and Non-institutional Care and Protection for Children
- Child rights advocacy
- Dissertation.



TEACHING PEDAGOGY

- Lecture Method
- Class Discussions
- Flipped Classroom
- Collaborative Learning
- Case Studies
- Problem Solving
- Case Discussion and Audio-visual documentaries

IMPORTANT DETAILS

TOTAL SEATS - 60

ELIGIBILITY:

Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from any recognized University.

COURSE DURATION:

The duration of the Course is 1 year. (The course is offered from January to December every year)

MODE OF LEARNING:

Blended (Both Online and Offline classes will be conducted)
Classes on Every Weekend - Saturday, Sunday (Except on Public Holidays)

Online through Cisco Webex

Offline classes will be conducted at the end of the Semester.
The participants will be required to attend the classes at the GNLU Campus and appear in the examination.

PROGRAM FEE:

Rs. 20,000/- for the entire course, inclusive of tuition fee, examination fee, library fee and administration charges.

LAST DATE TO APPLY:

20th Jan 2026.

LAST DATE FOR FEE PAYMENT:

23rd Jan 2026.

FEE PAYMENT LINK - [CLICK HERE TO PAY FEES](#)

HOW TO APPLY

The candidate should download the Application Form from the GNLU website (www.gnlu.ac.in) and send the duly completed application form along with the Application Fee of Rs. 1000/ (screenshot of payment/Transaction details of the payment should be attached) to the following address:

The Regsitrar,
Gujarat National Law University
Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba,
Gandhinagar-382426, Gujarat, INDIA

Link to Pay the Application Fee-
<https://rzp.io/rzp/UzCfb0l>

Scan to pay



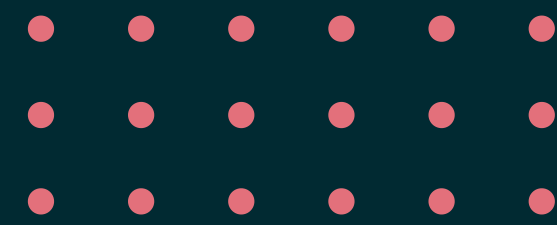
The Form must reach by Registered post or hand delivery to reach latest by 23rd Jan 2026, 17.00 hrs. The application must be sent in a closed envelope mentioning “Application for admission in PG Diploma in Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection” on top of it.

The form must be accompanied by self-attested copies of graduation degree, mark sheet and a passport size photograph and any govt. issued ID proof.

The soft copy of the form is also to be submitted at

✉ pgdjcrp@gnlu.ac.in

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