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CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS (CCR)

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on the theme

Submission Deadline

15th November

**Reimagining Child-Centric Justice:
Bridging Gaps in the Law and its Practices**





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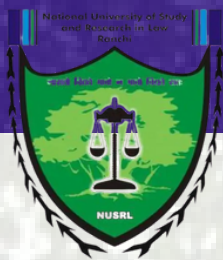


ABOUT NUSRL

The University has subsequently been recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) in September 2011 u/s 22, u/s 12B in the year 2018 of the UGC Act of 1956 and Bar Council of India (BCI). The University started functioning in September 2010. At present, the University has more than 600 students on rolls in the undergraduate course. The University has been included as a member of the CLAT w.e.f. CLAT 2012.

ABOUT CCR

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.



THEME OVERVIEW & IDENTIFIED LACUNAE:

Despite progressive legislative frameworks like the JJ Act and POCSO, implementation on the ground remains riddled with systemic challenges and inconsistencies. Authors are encouraged to respond to this gap between law in books and law in action, and examine structural, procedural, and jurisprudential issues that hinder child-centric justice in India.

Submissions may engage with (but are not limited to) the following lacunae:

1. Implementation Gaps and Institutional Weaknesses.

- Lack of trained personnel in Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) and Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs).
- Non-uniform application of child-friendly procedures in courts and police stations.
- Delay in case disposal and under-utilization of Special Courts under POCSO.
- Shortage of Observation Homes, inadequate infrastructure, and poor monitoring of child care institutions.



2. Procedural & Investigative Challenges.

- Invasive, insensitive investigation procedures retraumatizing child survivors.
- Inconsistent application of child victim protection measures (e.g., presence of support persons).
- Overreliance on hostile witness testimony due to lack of corroborative mechanisms.
- Absence of standard protocols for interviewing children in legal settings.

3. Rehabilitation and Reintegration Deficits.

- Poor quality of aftercare homes and vocational rehabilitation programs for juveniles.
- Lack of coordinated inter-agency frameworks between CWC, JJB, NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Invisibility of mental health support and trauma-informed care in JJ/POCSO processes.

4. Substantive Legal & Policy Ambiguities.

- Ambiguity in definitions (e.g., “sexual intent” under POCSO) leading to inconsistent judicial interpretation.
- Overcriminalization and misuse of POCSO in consensual adolescent relationships.
- Confusion over the age of juvenility and medical age determination.
- Lack of clarity in the overlap between JJ Act, POCSO Act, and IPC provisions.



5. Gender, Caste, and Disability Intersectionality.

- Inadequate recognition of the unique vulnerabilities of children from Dalit, Adivasi, or minority backgrounds.
- Absence of specific protections for children with disabilities in conflict with or in need of care and protection.
- Gender-insensitive provisions and procedures affecting male survivors and non-binary children.

6. Technology, Digital Abuse, and the Evolving Nature of Crime.

- Growing threats of online child sexual abuse and lack of preparedness among enforcement agencies.
- Gaps in the existing laws to regulate AI-generated child sexual abuse materials and cyber grooming.
- Lack of digital literacy among children and guardians in rural and underserved communities.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- **Theme:** Issues relating to Child Rights, Juvenile Justice, POCSO, and their intersection with constitutional and international human rights frameworks.
- **Word count:** 1000–1500 words.
- **Co-authorship:** Permitted up to 2 authors.
- **Formatting:** Times New Roman | Font Size: 12 | Line Spacing: 1.5.
- **Citations:** Prefer hyperlinks; otherwise use Bluebook 21st Edition as endnotes.

Originality:

- Submissions must be unpublished and original.
- Plagiarism should not exceed 15%.
- Submission found to be AI-generated in substantial part, or lacking original thought, will be rejected.
- **Anonymous Review:** Manuscript must not contain author's name or institutional affiliation.
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HOW TO SUBMIT:

- All submission must be made via the following form:
- <https://forms.gle/pKBLmcWqvUVBnA597> (Submit your Manuscript here.)

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