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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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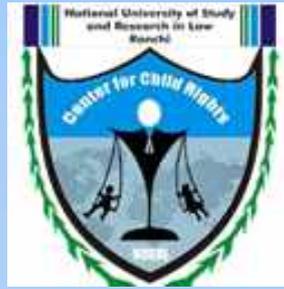
Chairperson- CCR

'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 endeavor 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 activity report is to bring to the kind attention of our readers, brief details of the activities organized 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 endeavor of creating a better tomorrow for all of mankind.

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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.

The purpose of this activity report is to share with you the programmes organised and contributions made by CCR during Nov 2019 -Jan 2020

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Highlights

Workshop on Sensitization of School Students on cyber bullying and cyber law

Celebration of Chauwa Week - season 2 at NUSRL

Interactive sessions at the shelter homes in Ranchi, Premashraya and Balashraya.

NGO Consultation on Ending Child Marriage(ECM)

Certificate Programme on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015

Training of counsellors on Basic Psycho-social Care for Children in difficult circumstances

Childline Consultation on Capacity Development

Review cum refresher meeting at JHALSA

Workshop on Sensitization of School Students on Cyber bullying & IT related Law



CCR organized a sensitization workshop on cyber bullying and IT related law among students of Std 8th and 9th of DAV Nirja Sahay school on 4th Nov 2019. The objective behind the workshop was to create awareness among students on usage of social networking interface like Whatsapp, Instagram and Facebook etc in responsive way.

A video on cyber bulling was also showcased to students where they saw how cyber bullying can lead to negative psychological impact. Students understood how IT can be used to improve and make life simple rather disadvantage to the world.



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Celebration of Chauwa Week - Season II



Chauwa Week season II was celebrated from 24th - 29th Nov at NUSRL campus. It was another extravaganza organized by student members of CCR and UNICEF of fun and joy for children to prove that Yes ! they are the real gift of God. Children from the nearby community and kids of the university staffs along with faculties and students shared a common space and mark the day as unforgettable event. No doubt, children cherish themselves to be as children and elders regretted of becoming older after seeing the hidden talents and joy within the children. Through this platform children were also informed about their Rights and Act related to them.



Interactive sessions at the Premashraya and Balashraya in Ranchi



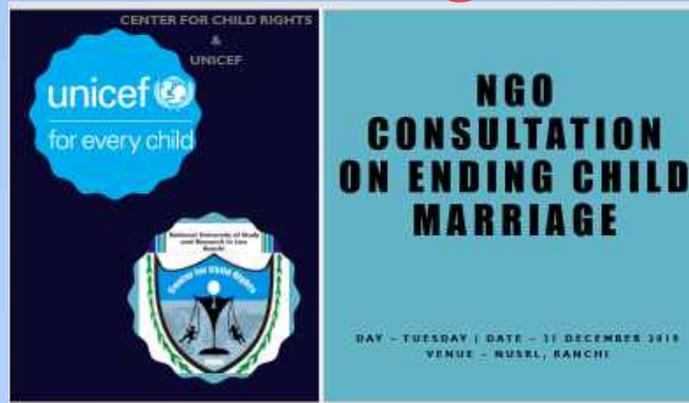
A visit to Premashraya and Balashraya shelter home was done on 25th and 26th Nov 2019 respectively. A team of 17 members each (students of NUSRL) visited both the shelter homes as a part of their learning. Students interacted with the children and staffs of the homes and observed the aspects of Health and Nutrition, Education, Protection and Participation of the children residing at the center. Few of the suggestions made by the students were improvising basic infrastructure facilities, provisioning separate space for mentally challenged children, development of age wise comprehensive child's plan and a training module for the members to successful run the shelter homes keeping best interest of the child. It was found that regular classes are held and children are enjoying cordial relationship and friendly atmosphere at the center.



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NGO Consultation on Ending Child Marriage(ECM)



One day meeting of ECM Alliance on Ending Child Marriage was held on 31 December 2019 at NUSRL,Ranchi.The meeting was facilitated by UNICEF Child Protection Specialist Ms.Priti Srivasatava.The agenda of the meeting was to discuss on the key Intervention undertaken by NGOs and INGOS on Ending Child Marriage and geographical outreach of the Organisation. 10 minutes presentation was given by all the NGO/INGO representatives.

Representatives from International Center for Research on Women(ICRW), Child In Need Institute(CINI),Plan India, Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), EKJUT, Girls Not Bride Alliance,DASRA, Action Aid, Knowledge Hub, Oxfam, Pratigya,Breakthrough and AALI were the participants in the workshop. Detailed and strategic discussion was done on the focus areas of intervention on how to end Child Marriage in 2020 and innovation/model for documentation.



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Certificate Programme on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015



Two days residential Certificate course on Child and Law was organized by CCR on 11-12 Jan 2020 for the members of JJB, CWC, SJPU, DCPU, and ICPS, Staff of Child Line, Counsellors from RINPAS and CIP, Staff of CCIs, Advocates, Para Legal Volunteers and students at NUSRL with an objective to disseminate knowledge about the framework relating to juvenile justice care and protection and to improve the understanding about the institutionalized framework of the Juvenile Justice System with utmost focus on provide practical understanding about the juvenile justice system at the gross roots level through field work. A total 25 participants (8 Female and 17 Males) comprising of Child Welfare Committee Members, Panel Lawyers, Legal Aid Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers, Academicians and students who underwent this course.

Mr. Santosh Kumar (Secretary, HCLSC), Mr. Govind Beniwal (Former Member, SCPCR), Mr. Fahim Kirmani (CJM, Ranchi Civil Court), Ms. Bhawna (Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Ranchi) and members from the CCR and UNICEF deliberated on various aspects of Juvenile Justice System during the course. Classroom lectures, interactive sessions, study materials and field assessment were the part of the course pedagogy. Successful participants were awarded the certificates for the course.

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Training of counsellors on Basic Psycho-social Care for Children in difficult circumstances

Center for Child Rights in collaboration with UNICEF organised 4 days training of the Counsellors for Basic Psycho Social Care for Children in difficult circumstances from 20-23 January 2020 with an objective to build capacity of the counsellors on various essential and elementary aspects of counselling of children in difficult circumstance including communication with children, empathy and sympathy towards children, rewarding children for betterment in future, counselling of the parents for sustainable results, modes of dealing with hostile and introvert children, eliciting information from children without affecting their emotional quotient, etc. A total of 29 participants (counsellors) including 21 Females and 8 Males participated in the training. The training was imparted by the Dulcine Crasta and Sister Carmelita of Resource and Development Centre on Child Rights, Mangalore.



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During the tenure of the training various essential and elementary aspects of counselling of children in difficult circumstances were discussed, including but not limited to Communication with children, empathy and sympathy towards children, rewarding children for betterment in future, counselling of the parents for sustainable results, modes of dealing with hostile and introvert children, eliciting information from children without affecting their emotional quotient, etc. Various exercises were also undertaken during the tenure of the training which included exercises related to the brain, emotional intelligence, counselling of children, dance therapy, mirror therapy, etc. Detailed deliberations were held on the steps involved in counselling and how the counsellors should develop detailed individual plan, treatment plan, and rehabilitation plan on a case-to-case basis. They were involved in role-plays for better understanding the nuances of counselling of children.

Childline Consultation on Capacity Development

One day Childline consultation on capacity development was done on 28th Jan 2020 where 48 childline representatives (8 Female and 38 Male) participated. The training was imparted jointly by Ms.Bhawna, JJB Member, Ranchi and Ms.Triparna Nandy, Programme Co-ordinator, CHILDLINE India Foundation. Mr.Rahul-Technical Consultant UNICEF facilitated the training. The participants were also trained on the practical implication of various provisions of the legislation of :

- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012

The participants were also allowed to discuss the problems they face on the field while dealing with the children and the authorities concerned. The Resource Persons guided and trained the participants on how to deal with these issues thereby enhancing the capacity of the participants on the above Acts.

Review cum refresher meeting at JHALSA

One-day Review Meeting of Support Persons under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 was held on 24th Dec 2019 at JHALSA. 20 support persons including PLVs from 10 districts took part in the review meeting



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Following key findings were discovered during the review meetings:

- Communication gap is a major issue and certain prohibited practices are still prevalent in the Santhal Region.
- One of the problems faced by support persons is the victimization that he/ she might face owing to the social culture in a village. There is a possibility that a PLV might be undertaking actions in good faith and with benign motive, but the accused might harass the support person.
- Most of the PLVs working as Support Persons without letter from the CWC.
- In some cases of child marriage prohibition, where the authorities stop child marriage by use of force, it leads to trauma to the guardian and causing death/ suicide in certain cases.
- A case on an average took 30-40 days in disposing off and the time allotted for each PLV to work in a month is close to 8 days which leads to failure of the intent of PLV appointment.

PLANS AHEAD....

**Situational analysis of 10 observation homes of
Jharkhand**

**Webinar on Sexual Violence Against Children and their
rights**

**Webinar of Positive Parenting and Supportive
Supervision- Amid Covid 19**

Webinar on Adult Mental Health-Well being amid Covid 19

Documentation of best practices

**Developing training Module for orientation of the newly
inducted members of CWC and JJ Board**

Developing handbook on JJ Act



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