



MADHUSUDAN LAW UNIVERSITY, CUTTACK

(A State University established under the Odisha Universities Act, 1989)

One Day National Seminar

on

**“Child Rights
in 21st Century”**



 **Date: 20th March 2026**



Venue:

**Pushpagiri Campus,
Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack**

Organized by

Department of 3 Yrs. LL.B.

Every Child deserves Protection, Dignity and Opportunity”



ABOUT MADHUSUDAN LAW UNIVERSITY, CUTTACK



Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack, was established on the 28th of April, 2021, on the birth anniversary of the eminent freedom fighter and visionary Madhusudan Das. Under the strategic stewardship and pioneering vision of its founding Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Kamal Jeet Singh, the University has orchestrated a transformative restructuring of the state's pedagogical landscape, centralizing the affiliation of nearly all law colleges in the State to ensure a standardized, high-caliber curriculum. The campus currently serves as a sophisticated hub for intellectual rigor, featuring the Ambedkar Bhawan, a dedicated Administrative Block, and a specialized wing for the five-year integrated LL.B. program, all anchored by the monumental Justice Dipak Misra Library—an expansive repository of legal knowledge named in honor of the former Chief Justice of India. This architectural foundation is merely a precursor to an ambitious phase of modernization at Jobra, where the University plans to construct state-of-the-art academic blocks, residential hostels, and advanced research facilities to accommodate its burgeoning scholarly community. By seamlessly weaving its rich historical heritage with a steadfast commitment to contemporary jurisprudence and ethical practice, the institution continues to cultivate a distinguished lineage of alumni who have already begun to leave an indelible mark on governance, the judiciary, and public service, thereby solidifying its reputation as a vital incubator for the next generation of legal luminaries.



CONCEPT NOTE

Children constitute nearly one-third of the world's population and represent the most vulnerable section of the society. Ensuring their protection, development, and participation is not merely a moral responsibility but a constitutional and international obligation. The evolving discussion on child rights and the justice delivery system highlights the urgent need for a child-centric, sensitive, and rights-based approach within legal frameworks. The foundation of modern child rights jurisprudence lies in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which recognises children as independent rights holders. India, as a signatory, has strengthened its domestic legal regime through legislations such as the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, aiming to safeguard children in conflict with law as well as those in need of care and protection. Despite these legal advancements, serious concerns including child abuse, trafficking, child labour, cyber exploitation, child marriage, and institutional deficiencies in rehabilitation mechanisms continue to persist. Addressing these issues demands the creation of a child-friendly justice system that prioritises sensitivity, expeditious trials, restorative approaches and work in the best interests of the child.

Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack seeks to create a platform for academicians, legal professional and students to appraise contemporary issues surrounding child rights and the functioning of the justice system through organising this Seminar. It aims to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue on legal reforms, procedural safeguards, restorative justice, and the role of institutions in ensuring child protection. By fostering awareness, dialogue, and research, the seminar envisions promoting a justice system that is not merely punitive, but protective, participatory, and transformative for every child.



OBJECTIVES

- To enhance the understanding of Child Rights within Justice Systems
- To analyse the role of Juvenile Justice Mechanisms in protecting Children.
- To discuss legal safeguards for child victims and witnesses
- To examine challenges in implementation of Child Protection Laws
- To protect child friendly procedures and practices in Legal Institutions
- To encourage inter disciplinary and Rights based approaches.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

- Enhanced awareness and understanding of child rights within the justice system.
- It will facilitate the development of practical insights for effective implementation of child protection and juvenile justice laws, while encouraging meaningful academic and professional engagement on issues concerning child rights.
- Networking opportunities for legal professionals, Scholars and industry representatives.
- It will facilitate constructive recommendations aimed at strengthening justice systems and improving legal safeguards for children.



SUB-THEMES



- **Constitutional Provisions and Child Rights**
- **Protection of children: international conventions and treaties on child rights**
- **Child protection laws and role of NHRC and other agencies**
- **Working Mechanism of NCCPR in Odisha**
- **Socio- economic and cultural issues with regard to protection of children in india**
- **Role of government schemes and public policy, community based approach and participatory approaches**
- **Role of judiciary in protection of child rights**
- **Child rights in the digital age: cyber safety and online exploitation**
- **Child abuse/ trafficking and exploitation**
- **Personal laws and Children**
- **Role of legal aid, NGOs and PRO BONO services**
- **Child rights in education and institution care, mid- day mean and child nutrition programmes**
- **Rights of Special children and Differently-Abled Children**
- **Rights of Children in armed conflict**



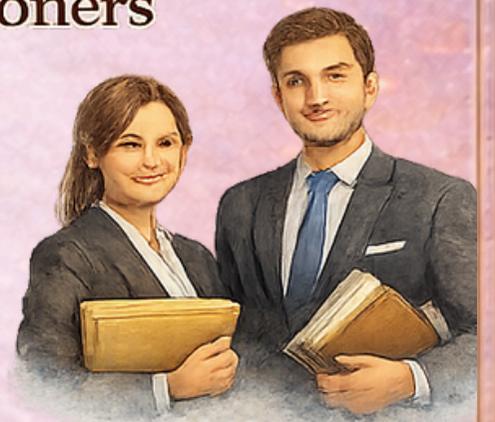
**The above themes are not exhaustive. Students may prepare on other sub-themes relevant to the overall theme of the seminar.*



Who can Participate ?



- ✓ Academicians
- ✓ Research Scholars
- ✓ Law Students
- ✓ Legal Practitioners



REGISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTRATION FEES : INR 500

(for Academicians/Legal Professionals/Research Scholars of Institutions including affiliated colleges of MLU)

REGISTRATION FEES : INR 300

(for Postgraduate and Undergraduate students of Institutions including affiliated colleges of MLU)

*There is no Registration Fee for MLU Campus Students and Faculties.



REGISTRATION PROCESS



Click here to Register



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Participants can register for the Seminar through a google form on or before 10th March, 2026 by payment of a non-refundable fee through (Net banking / UPI) to :-

Account no. 124701000001262 IFSC Code:
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*Participants are to attach the screenshot/receipt of the payment to the Google form of registration; and carry a printout of the same on the day of the Seminar and submit it at the registration desk.

*There is no provision for spot registration, the participants must register through the google link given in the brochure within the deadline for registration.

*Seats for the Seminar are limited to 80 participants. Registrations will be accepted on a First-come, first-served basis.

*If a registered presenter's abstract is rejected by the organizers, the individual will be considered a participant only

*In case of co-authorship, all the authors need to pay the requisite amount separately and register as a team uploading all the payment slips as a single document (pdf)



SUBMISSION PROCESS

Authors must submit the abstract via email to mlu.nationalseminar26@gmail.com. The abstract file should be saved using the following name: <Author Name>_<Title of Submission> (e.g., Sonali_Jena_Child_Rights_Protection). Notification regarding the acceptance of abstracts will be sent to the respective presenters via official email communication.

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(a) Abstracts should be within 200 to 300 words. (word format) (b) Abstract must contain five key words.

(c) Font and Font Size: Times New Roman, 12, Line spacing 1.5 and Alignment 'justified'.

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(c) Footnotes : Font 'Times New Roman', Font Size 10, line spacing 1.0.

(d) Follow the Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (21st Edition) for footnoting.

(f) Policy papers will be eligible only if they cover important and contemporary issues.

(g) Submissions must be original and not yet published.

(h) Co-authorship (up to two authors) is allowed.

(i) The Subject of the mail for full paper submission must be- "Full Paper Submission for Child Rights Seminar" Mail Id for Full Paper Submission- mlu.nationalseminar26@gmail.com



IMPORTANT DATES

Registration and Last Date of Submission for Abstract	10.03.2026
Date of Communication of Abstract	12.03.2026
Date of Submission of Full Research Paper	17.03.2026
Date of the Seminar	20.03.2026

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EXPLORE CUTTACK



Cuttack is renowned for Dahibara Aloodum – a spicy and sour street-food favourite not to be missed during your visit.



Located on an island in the Mahanadi River, this serene Dhabaleswar temple is connected by a suspension bridge and is ideal for spiritual visits and riverside picnics.



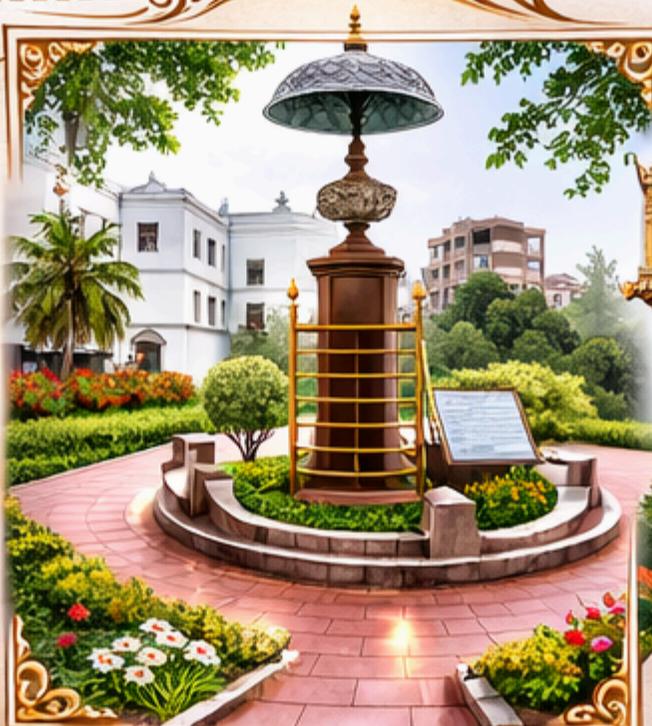
Odisha's maritime Museum -seafaring heritage through galleries on ancient navigation, traditional boats, and coastal trade. A great stop for families and culture lovers.



Silver Filigree (Tarakasi) Market
Cuttack is renowned for its intricate silver filigree craft – watch artisans work and shop for delicate jewellery, ornaments, and traditional pieces.



Barabati Fort- One of the most iconic landmarks of Cuttack, this 14th-century fort complex offers a glimpse into Odisha's medieval past.



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Museum- Birthplace and commemorative museum of India's freedom leader Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, featuring personal memorabilia, letters, uniforms, photographs, and inspirational exhibits.



Cuttack Chandi Temple- A revered temple dedicated to Goddess Chandi – the presiding deity of the city – and a spiritual center especially vibrant during festivals like Durga Puja and Kali Puja.

