

**TRIPURA JUDICIAL ACADEMY**

# **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**ON**

## **“From Vulnerability to Justice: Tackling Human Trafficking in Northeast India”**



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**Organized By**

**CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND CHILD RIGHTS**

**AND**

**KAUTILYA CENTRE FOR LAW AND ECONOMICS**

**National Law University, Tripura**

**In collaboration with**

**Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura**

## About the Organizers

### About National Law University Tripura (NLUT)

National Law University, Tripura is established by Act No. 3 of 2022 of the State of Tripura. It is 25<sup>th</sup> National Law University of the Country and located in the smart and green capital city of Agartala. The foundation of the University was laid by Her Excellency Smt. Draupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India. The Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura is the Chancellor of the University. The University offers a five-year integrated B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) degree programme at under graduate level, Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Ph.D. at post-graduate level. The University is committed to making rapid progress in establishing itself as a torchbearer of legal education in the northeastern region of India. Our dedicated team of faculty members holding doctoral degrees from reputed universities across India under the guidance and supervision of its founding Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh reaffirms this vision of the university.

For more information, visit [www.nlutripura.ac.in](http://www.nlutripura.ac.in)

### About Centre for Women and Child Rights (CWCR)

The Centre for Women and Child Rights at National Law University Tripura is a dedicated initiative committed to advancing and safeguarding the rights of women and children through interdisciplinary research, advocacy, and community engagement. Established with the vision of creating a positive impact on society, the center serves as a hub for critical discussions, legal research, and outreach programs focusing on gender equality and child rights. The Centre administers programmes directed towards equal justice for women and children, and facilitate the active discourse and deliberation in the field of women and child rights.

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### About Centre for Kautilya Centre for Law and Economics (KCLE)

Kautilya Centre for Law and Economics (KCLE), established under the aegis of National Law University, Tripura (NLUT). This Centre is brought into existence with the primary objective of fostering research in the interconnected realms of Economics and Law, with a specific focus on comprehending the symbiotic relationship that exists between the state of the Economy and the consequent impact it exerts on the legal framework governing economic activities within the nation. The Centre is dedicated to offering innovative solutions to the contemporary challenges encountered in the realms of Law and Economics, there by aiming to contribute significantly to the enhancement of these fields.



## About Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education

The Education (Social Welfare and Social Education) Department is the nodal department for the implementation of schemes and welfare measures for various vulnerable persons of the society like Old Aged, widow, children, physically challenged, deserted, destitute children and women etc. The department has implemented various schemes like, Anganwadi Services Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), National Creche Scheme, Poshan Abhiyan (NNM), Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) and Child Protection Scheme.

## Concept Note

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), established by the United Nations in 2015, emphasize gender equality as both a fundamental human right and a critical factor in achieving sustainable development. Goal-5 specifically calls for the empowerment of all women and girls, ensuring their involvement in decision-making processes, and eliminating discrimination and violence against them. Further, Goal 8 mentions about the decent work and economic growth it emphasizes on the requirement of decent work opportunities and to prevent exploitation of women. Human trafficking remains a constant hurdle for the decent opportunities worldwide.

Human trafficking is one of the most pressing human rights concerns in India today, and the North Eastern region has emerged as a particularly vulnerable zone due to its complex socio-economic, geographical, and political landscape. The porous international borders with Bangladesh, Nepal, and Myanmar; internal displacement; poverty; and lack of awareness make the region a source, transit, and destination point for trafficking, particularly involving women and children.

Tripura, due to its geographical proximity to international borders and significant tribal population, has been identified as a high-risk state. Despite national and international legal frameworks, trafficking continues to thrive through well-organized networks exploiting the lack of enforcement, poor victim identification, and inadequate rehabilitation mechanisms. Overcoming these challenges requires a collaborative effort across all sectors and disciplines, underscoring the vital role of collective action in achieving a more equitable, sustainable future for all.

## Objectives

- This national conference aims to create a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue that will:
- Identify the patterns and scale of human trafficking in the North East, with a focus on Tripura.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of existing legal and institutional mechanisms.
- Highlight the role of law enforcement, judiciary, human rights bodies, NGOs, and academic institutions.
- Encourage the development of innovative, community-based and victim-centric approaches.
- Facilitate academic and policy-based research on trafficking issues in the region.

## Themes

- Trafficking Trends and Vulnerabilities in the North East
- Cross-border Trafficking: Legal and Political Challenges
- Role of Human Rights Commissions and Statutory Bodies
- Law Enforcement and Judicial Response: Gaps and Opportunities
- Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Victims
- Role of Technology and Cyber Trafficking
- Community-based and Tribal Rights Approaches to Anti-Trafficking
- Role of Media, Civil Society, and Educational Institutions
- International Legal Frameworks and Regional Cooperation

## Participants

- The conference will bring together:
- Judges, Legal Practitioners, and Law Enforcement Officials
- Members of State and National Human Rights Commissions
- Academics, Researchers, and Law Students
- Civil Society Organizations and Social Workers
- Government Representatives and Policymakers
- Journalists and Media Professionals

## Procedure for Submission of Abstracts

An Abstract (of about 250 words) should be sent as an attachment in a word file. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed before they are accepted. The following information, in the given format, should be sent along with the Abstract:

Name of the Participant

Official Designation/Institution Details

Address and Email ID

Title of Abstract



The subject of the email should be read as, Abstract Submission for One Day National Conference on “From Vulnerability to Justice: Tackling Human Trafficking in Northeast India.”

**Submit your abstract to [cwcr@nlutripura.ac.in](mailto:cwcr@nlutripura.ac.in)**

## **Guidelines for Paper Submission**

- The title of the paper should be followed by Name of the Author, Designation, Name of the Organization/University/Institution and Email address. It is mandatory to mention Email address, as all future correspondence will be through it.
- Name and details of Co-author, if any.
- The paper should be typed in MS WORD format.
- The paper must be in single column lay out with margins justified on both sides.
- The heading and sub-heading should be in font size 12 bold and Times New Roman, left aligned.
- The main text should be in font size 12 Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing and justified.
- The length of the paper should not exceed 6,000-8000 words (including footnotes). Exceeding the word limit may lead to rejection of paper.
- Citation Format should conform to the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
- Submission of the abstract should be accompanied by a covering letter with the name(s) of the author(s) and address, designation, institution/affiliation, the title of the manuscript and contact information (email id, phone number). All submissions must contain an abstract of not more than 250 words with 5 minimum key words.
- All the contributions should be the original work of the contributors and should not have been submitted for consideration in any other Publication. Any plagiarized work will be out- rightly rejected.
- All the contributors should provide a declaration form regarding the originality of the paper.
- The contributions presented to and accepted for publication and the copyrights therein shall be the intellectual property of National Law University, Tripura.

## Publication Opportunity

Selected articles will be published as an Edited Book bearing ISBN.

## Registration Fee for Presentation of Paper

Particular	Amount
Student	500/-
Faculty/Professional/Research Scholar/Other	1000/-
Foreign Students	1500/-
Foreign Faculty/ Professional/Research/ Other	2000/-

**Registration Link:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1egLK-WknWs98HgX9WTr7w-V4J7zwNL1nX698yKr9Q0E/edit?ts=68554a4c>

## Registration Fee for Attending the Conference

Particular	Amount
Student/Faculties/Professionals/Research Scholars/Other	500/-

*Note: Both Author and Co-Author have to register individually.*

## Important Dates

Submission of Abstract	July 20, 2025
Confirmation of Abstract Selection	July 25, 2025
Online Registration	July 26 to August 08, 2025
Submission of Full Paper	August 05, 2025
Conference Date	August 09, 2025
Publication of Selected Paper By	December 2025

*Note: Physical registration will also possible on the day of Conference.*

## Account Details

Registrar, National Law University Tripura

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## Who Can Attend

Students, Research Scholars/Faculties/Academicians, Corporate Delegates, Business entities, and Lawyers.

## Rules for the Presentation

- No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission respectively;
- Participants/Paper Presenters have to register after the acceptance of the abstract with payment of required fees;
- For participation, registration is mandatory for confirmation of the participation; Only registered participants will be allowed to take part in Conference;
- All the registered participants will be provided with a participation certificate; and
- Technical sessions will be both in physical mode and online mode.

### **Patron-in-Chief**

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