

Centre for Women and Child Rights (CWCRC)

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

1. International Conference on Unfolding Gender Equity through Inclusivity: Challenges and Way Forward

- Date: March 08–09, 2024
- Collaborators: Directorate of Social Welfare & Social Education, Govt. of Tripura and Tripura Commission for Women
- Overview: Organized around the central theme “*Nari Shakti: Rashtra Shakti*,” this flagship conference brought together global and national legal scholars, policy makers, and judicial experts to dissect systemic barriers to gender inclusion. The multi-session deliberations examined intersectionality, cybercrime targeting women, policy reforms, legal instruments for gender justice, and actionable strategies to build secure digital spaces for women. By bringing together perspectives from both international and national academia alongside local law enforcement and health experts, the conference successfully bridged theoretical legal frameworks with practical grassroots realities.
- Key Speakers & Dignitaries: Hon’ble Mr. Justice S.D. Purkayastha, Judge, High Court of Tripura & Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biswajit Palit, Judge, High Court of Tripura, Smt. Jharna Debbarma, Chairperson, Tripura Commission for Women, Prof. (Dr.) Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO, Prof. (Dr.) Mizanur Rahman, Director, BILIA, Dhaka, Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu Esther Thomas, Professor, NLSIU, Bengaluru, Prof. (Dr.) Nitya Rao, Professor, University of East Anglia, UK, Prof. (Dr.) Chandrika Basu Majumder, Retd. Professor, Tripura University, and Dr. Sunil Kanti Dhar, Ex-Head, Dept. of Gynaecology, IGM Hospital.

2. One-Day Workshop on “Rise and Lead: Young Women Pioneering Technology, Business, and Public Life”

- Date: April 22, 2024
- Collaborator: National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi
- Overview: Designed to empower approximately 150 female college students across institutions in Tripura including NLUT, TIT, MBB University, TGLC, NIT Agartala, and ICFAI Law School this workshop focused on breaking structural barriers in historically male-dominated spaces. The interactive modules equipped attendees with leadership tools across technology, entrepreneurship, corporate management, and public governance. By integrating industry leaders, administrative officers, and judicial

practitioners, the workshop offered actionable guidance on overcoming systemic gender biases, navigating corporate and public career pathways, and leveraging legal protections to foster financial and professional independence.

- Key Guests & Speakers: Hon'ble Justice Arindam Lodh, Judge, High Court of Tripura, Delina Khongdup from NCW, Hrishikesh Chakraborty, Tripura Judicial Academy, Prof. (Dr.) Bijoy Kumar Upadhyaya, Professor, TIT, and Ms. Uma Suryanarayanan from ONGC.

3. Expert Lecture on Child Rights Litigation and POCSO

- Date: August 30, 2024
- Resource Person: Advocate Kumar Shailabh, Child Rights Lawyer, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights
- Overview: This intensive academic session provided a comprehensive breakdown of procedural safeguards and substantive statutory provisions under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. Advocate Shailabh unpacked the statutory definitions protecting individuals under 18 from physical, non-physical, penetrative, non-penetrative, and digital/online sexual exploitation. The session emphasized child-friendly court procedures, victim-centric litigation techniques, stringent evidentiary standards, and the legal mandates governing mandatory reporting, providing law students with indispensable insights into the complexities of child rights advocacy in practice.

4. Community Outreach Programme: Visit to Anwasha Child Care Home

- Date: October 04, 2024
- Location: Anwasha Child Protection Centre, Agartala
- Overview: Designed as an immersive community engagement initiative, student and faculty volunteers visited the Anwasha Child Protection Centre to foster emotional well-being and legal awareness at the grassroots level. The team conducted interactive storytelling sessions, creative art workshops, and recreational games, establishing a supportive environment for resident children while distributing essential care packages and educational materials. Crucially, the visit gave law students firsthand exposure to the administrative and operational realities of institutional child care under the Juvenile Justice framework, illustrating the vital need to bridge academic law with empathetic social work.

5. Community Outreach Programme: Visit to Apna Ghar Old Age Home

- Date: October 05, 2024
- Location: Apna Ghar Old Age Home
- Overview: Aimed at fostering intergenerational solidarity and civic responsibility, this outreach drive brought CWCR volunteers to Apna Ghar Old Age Home to address the social isolation often experienced by institutionalized elders. Student volunteers engaged in conversations with the elderly people. Beyond donating daily essential supplies, the initiative served as an experiential learning platform for legal scholars to observe the statutory implementations of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 highlighting the human element behind elder care legislation.

6. UNICEF & NLU Tripura Joint Research Initiatives

- Date: December 17, 2024
- Project: *“Building A Robust Child Protection Ecosystem in Tripura”* (Focusing on child marriage dynamics in Dhalai & South Tripura districts)
- Overview: This collaborative consultation reviewed critical empirical findings regarding systemic vulnerabilities and child marriage dynamics across the Dhalai and South Tripura districts. Participants critically evaluated inter-departmental coordination among key institutional pillars including the State Child Protection Society (SCPS), District Child Protection Units (DCPUs), Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), ChildLine, and the Department of Social Welfare & Social Education. By evaluating pendency rates, institutional bottlenecks, and field-level enforcement gaps, the consultation laid the groundwork for evidence-based policy reforms and actionable structural interventions.
- Key Attendees: Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, Vice-Chancellor, NLUT, Mr. Laxmi Narayan Nanda, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, NE, Ms. Purvi Malhotra, Communication Specialist, UNICEF, NE, Dr. Debasree Debnath, Centre Director, Centre for Women and Child Rights (CWCR) and Assistant Professor of Law, NLUT, and Ms. Suchitra Tripura, Ph.D. Scholar, NLUT.

7. State Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Effective Implementation of Child-Specific Laws

- Date: January 10, 2025
- Overview: Bringing together administrative, judicial, and law enforcement authorities, this multi-stakeholder dialogue focused on evaluating the enforcement of child rights legislation throughout Tripura. A major highlight was the detailed address by Mr. Saju

Vaheed A., District Magistrate & Collector, Dhalai District who presented the operational mechanics of the *Balika Manch Program*. The dialogue highlighted how cross-departmental surveillance and immediate socio-economic support can effectively safeguard young girls' rights to education and safety.

8. Dissemination Workshop of Situation Analysis & State Plan of Action for Ending Child Marriage in Tripura

- Date: April 26, 2025
- Overview: This dissemination workshop marked the official release of extensive research project led by Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, Vice-Chancellor, NLUT, Dr. Debasree Debnath and Ms. Suchitra Tripura, offering a data-backed analysis of the socio-economic and cultural factors driving child marriage in Tripura. The researchers documented a comprehensive State Plan of Action that lays out targeted interventions such as community sensitization, legal literacy drives, economic support for vulnerable families, and stricter judicial enforcement. By bringing together administrative leadership, child rights commissions, and international child welfare organizations, the event served as a major step toward standardizing state-wide preventive strategies.
- Key Dignitaries: Shri Subrata Kumar Dash, ADM & Collector, Smt. Jayanti Debbarma, Chairperson, Tripura Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TCPDR), Dr. Madhulika Jonathan, Chief, UNICEF Assam & NE.

9. National Conference on “From Vulnerability to Justice: Tackling Human Trafficking in Northeast India”

- Date: August 09, 2025
- Organizers: Centre for Women and Child Rights (CWCR) and Kautilya Centre for Law and Economics, NLU Tripura, in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura.
- Overview: This conference addresses the acute challenges of human trafficking in Northeast India a region made vulnerable by porous international borders, difficult terrain, and socio-economic marginalization. This national conference brought together judges, legal scholars, and law enforcement officials. In this conference, the discussions are centered on dismantling cross-border trafficking networks, upgrading anti-trafficking units, and strengthening victim protection frameworks. The conference emphasized that effective legal redresses must go beyond prosecution to prioritize trauma-informed care, economic rehabilitation, and cross-border administrative cooperation to ensure long-term justice for victims.

10. Community Outreach Programme at Swapna Foundation Rehabilitation Centre

- Date: September 09, 2025
- Location: Swapna Foundation, Rehabilitation Centre
- Overview: Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to social upliftment, CWCR student members and faculty conducted a compassionate outreach drive at the Swapna Foundation Rehabilitation Centre situated at Agartala, Tripura. The team distributed care packages containing basic essential supplies to support the daily needs of the residents. Beyond immediate material assistance, student members led structured interactive sessions focusing on consequences of drug consumption and its impact on health. The student members also discuss about the hygiene, physical wellness, educational continuity, and future career opportunities. By offering empathetic legal guidance and career mentorship, the initiative sought to restore self-worth, encourage positive lifestyle choices, and equip residents with actionable paths toward smooth societal reintegration.

11. Program on Child Rights and Child Marriage Prevention under “Mission Sankalp”

- Date: October 28–29, 2025
- Organizers: CWCR, NLU Tripura in collaboration with the District Administration of Sepahijala, Tripura.
- Overview: Conducted under the administrative framework of *Mission Sankalp*, this specialized two-day program focused on fighting child marriage, teenage pregnancy, and associated social challenges across district levels. The consultations brought together district administrators, educators, legal experts, and grassroots stakeholders to streamline reporting channels and institutional mechanisms for child protection. By combining community outreach with legal literacy, the initiative highlighted early identification of vulnerable children, immediate administrative intervention protocols, and rigorous enforcement of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 to build child-safe communities.

12. Special Expert Online Lecture on “Property Rights of Women in India: An Analysis”

- Date: February 28, 2026
- Resource Person: Prof. (Dr.) Dasari Surya Prakasa Rao, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, DSNLU
- Overview: Delving into the structural legal frameworks surrounding financial autonomy, Prof. (Dr.) D. Surya Prakasa Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University delivered a comprehensive lecture analysing the property and

inheritance rights of women under Indian personal law. The session systematically examined statutory provisions across diverse personal law regimes, landmark judicial decisions, constitutional guarantees of equality, and ongoing systemic challenges. Prof. Rao emphasized that statutory property entitlements remain under utilized due to deep-seated socio-cultural practices, stressing the urgent need for persistent legal literacy, judicial activism, and legal reforms to achieve genuine economic equity for women.

13. Exposure Tour and Legal Awareness for school-going rescued girl children under “Mission Sankalp”

- Date: September 08, 2026
- Organizers: CWCR, NLU Tripura, in collaboration with the Office of the District Magistrate & Collector, Sepahijala, Bishramganj.
- Overview: Under the flagship programme *Mission Sankalp* initiative is designed to eradicate child marriage, teenage pregnancy, and substance abuse of the children. The CWCR hosted this impactful exposure visit for school-going rescued girl children, their parents, and district officials. Inaugurated by Dr. Jayanta Dhar, Registrar (I/C) the event stressed the transformative power of education, citing landmark child protection cases to inspire the young girls. Deputy Collector Mr. Somen Debnath urged participants to build self-reliance and draw strength from grassroots anti-child-marriage advocates, while Centre Director Dr. Debasree Debnath provided an in-depth breakdown of statutory provisions relating to child marriage laws in India. Complemented by student speaker Mr. Supratim Ray’s session on foundational child rights precedents, this collaborative initiative demonstrated how legal institutions and district administrations can work together to rehabilitate rescued children and build long-term social resilience.

14. Two-Day Online Workshop on “The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013”

- Mode: Online
- This session was organized by the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in collaboration with the Centre for Women and Child Rights (CWCR) at National Law University, Tripura (NLUT). The Two-Day Online Workshop on “The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013” (POSH) held on September 10 and 11, 2026 for teaching staff, non-teaching staff, students, Ph.D. scholars and IC members of NLUT. The session was addressed by Dr. Manoj Wagh, Trainer, POSH Act 2013. This vital workshop served as a crucial initiative to foster a safe, inclusive, and legally aware academic environment,

proactively educating everyone on campus about their rights, responsibilities, and mechanisms of redressal while reinforcing the institution's commitment to zero-tolerance against sexual harassment.