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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The 1st International Conference on *Child Rights Abuse and Juvenile Justice: Contemporary Trends*, organized by the Centre for Criminal Law and Criminology, ICFAI Law School and convened by Dr. Hans Kumar Sharma, was successfully held at the ICFAI University, Jaipur, on September 28th, 2024. The conference addressed critical issues concerning child rights, juvenile justice and emerging trends in these fields. It brought together academics, legal professionals, social workers, researchers, and students to discuss contemporary challenges and solutions for safeguarding child rights. A total of 84 research paper abstracts were received from across India, out of which 30 were selected through a rigorous peer-review process, and 26 full papers were submitted, involving 26 authors and 12 co-authors. Additionally, four candidates attended the conference as participants to observe and gain knowledge

INNAUGURAL CEREMONY

The inaugural session began with the lamp lighting and welcome of the guests. After that a welcome address by Dr. Harish Kumar Verma, Dean of ICFAI Law School, Jaipur. The Chief Patron, Hon’ble President Prof. (Dr) HP Singh VSM, delivered words of wisdom, followed by

the Guest of Honor, Prof. Dr. Marieta Safta, Associate Professor at Titu Maiorescu University, Romania, and Vice-President of the University Senate, who joined virtually. In the end of the Innaugural session Dr. Pratima Soni, Associate Dean, ICFAI Law School, Jaipur, delivered the vote of thanks.

TECHNICAL SESSION- I

The first technical session on "Legal Framework and Policy Analysis in the Context of Child Rights" was chaired by Prof. Dr. Philip D. Jaffe, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Professor at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, who participated virtually. The session was co-chaired by Prof. Dr. Tufail Ahmad, Dean of NIMS University, Jaipur. The keynote speaker via online was Dr. Camille Gibson, Professor and Interim Dean at Prairie View A&M University, Texas. Ten research papers were presented during the session.

- Ms. Anushka Ajmera (Manipal University, Jaipur): Presented paper titled "Reverberations of Social Media on Juveniles – An Indian Scenario,"
- Ms. Simran Rauf (Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur): Delivered a paper on "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Challenges: Core Triggers of Juvenile Recidivism."
- Ms. Chiya Jaiswal & Ms. Vibhuti Shastri (University of Rajasthan): Jointly presented paper titled "Addressing Juvenile Delinquency in India: A Multi-Faceted Approach to Prevention and Intervention,"
- Ms. Komal Sharma (Shree L R Tiwari College of Law): Analyzed "Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Strategies Under the Juvenile Justice Act in India."
- Mr. Sourabh Ghosh (Child Rights and You - CRY): Offered insights on "Child Marriage in India."
- Ms. Krupa Jayesh Savajiyani (Manipal University, Jaipur): Discussed "Child Sexual Abuse in India," examining its forms and protective legal frameworks.
- Dr. Dushyant Kumar & Mr. Mayank Mehra (Madhav University & ILS): Presented "Juvenile Recidivism: Causes, Consequences, and Strategies for Prevention."
- Ms. Harjeet Kaur & Mr. Avijit Silawat (Euclid University, Central African Republic): Addressed "Global Migration and Juvenile Justice: Protecting the Rights of Unaccompanied Minor Refugees."
- Ms. Ananya & Mr. Ronit Yadav (ICFAI Law School, Jaipur): Explored "Examining the Effects of India's Juvenile Justice Act on Recidivism."
- Mr. Prakhar Tak & Mr. Ashish Acharya (ICFAI University, Jaipur): Concluded with "Use of Social Media Applications and the Transformation of Children into Juvenile Offenders," discussing how social media can lead minors to engage in illegal activities.

The session was concluded by the Session Chair and Co-Session Chair, who provided an overview of the research conducted and presented by the researchers. Ms. Ameesha Singh, Assistant Professor and Member of the Center, delivered the vote of thanks.

TECHNICAL SESSION - II

The second technical session focused on "Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation" and was chaired by Dr. Rekh Raj Jain, Associate professor and Associate Dean at IFHE, Hyderabad, and co-chaired by Dr. Manoj Meena, Assistant Professor, Law Department, University of Rajasthan. The keynote speaker was Eunice Odongo, Advocate of the Kenya High Court. Fifteen research papers were presented in this session starting from:

- Dr. Aarti Gandotra & Minnie Gupta (Dogra Law College, University of Jammu): who Presented paper titled "Promoting Human and Child Rights in India: Safeguarding the Future."
- Sahil Kumar (NIMS, Jaipur): Delivered paper titled "Promoting Child Protection: An Empirical Study of POCSO Act Enforcement in Indian States."
- Aakanksha Sharma & Dr. Rekha Verma (Amity Law School, Amity University): Presented "Judicial Sentencing Practices for Pedophilic Offences: Trends and Impact in India."
- Akansha Singh (K.R. Mangalam University): Discussed "Human Rights of Children," emphasizing the need for enhanced protection mechanisms.
- Pankaj Shivaji Shingare (ILS Law College, Pune): Focused on parental negligence in Delayed, Ignored, or Refused Medical Treatment of Children."
- Rinchen Tamang (ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad): Presented a study on the "Long-Term Impacts of Childhood Sexual Abuse."
- Dr. Manya Gupta & Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh (Graphic Era Hill University): Discussed "Child Sexual Abuse in the Cyber World."
- Dr. Vijo V. Vincent (National Forensic Sciences University): Delivered a paper on "Online Sexual Exploitation of Children in India: A Contemporary Analysis."
- Shivam Gupta & Sanjay Singh Rawat (Jigyasa University, Dehradun): discussed "The Impact of Social Media Trends on Youth Crime: Exploring the Effects of Modern Adolescent Culture."
- Ankita Singh & Dr. Abhishek Kumar Tiwari (University of Lucknow): Presented paper titled "Child Sexual Abuse in India: Immediate and Long-Term Effects and Judicial Interventions
- Muskan Mittal & Divanshu Gupta (DGLC): Presented research on "The Dark Side of Gamification: Unveiling the Legal Challenges of Online Gaming and Juvenile Delinquency."
- Adv. Namrata Mishra: Discussed "Legal Protection vs. Practical Challenges in the POCSO Era."
- Avijit Silawat & Harshita Gupta (DAVV): Presented paper on "Sexual Abuse Prevention in Digital Learning Environments: Safeguarding Children in the Post-Pandemic World."
- Dr. Swati Mehta (UFYLC): Delivered a paper titled "Ensuring the Human Rights of Children in India: Challenges, Legal Frameworks, and Pathways to Progress."
- Aryabhata Sah (ICFAI Law School, Jaipur): Concluded with a presentation on "Child Marriage: Cultural Legacy or Child Rights Abuse?"

Then the Session Chair and Co-Session Chair wrapped up the session by offering a comprehensive overview of the research presented by the researchers. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Mayank Mehra, Assistant Professor and Member of the Center.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

After the lunch valedictorian ceremony marked the culmination of the National Conference on "Child Rights Abuse and Juvenile Justice," held at ICFAI University, Jaipur. The valedictory session was graced by prominent dignitaries and resource persons, who offered their wisdom and insights on the critical themes discussed throughout the conference. In which the special guests were Mr. S. Sengethir (IPS), Additional Director General of Police cum Director Rajasthan

Police Academy, addressed the gathering and shared his experience and thoughts on the importance of collaborative efforts to address the challenges of child rights abuse and juvenile justice reform, and R Neesamoorthy, Registrar, The ICFAI University, Jaipur, was also present, adding significance to the closing ceremony. In recognition of the outstanding contributions made by the participants, special awards were given during the valedictory session. Mr. Saurabh Ghosh was awarded Best Speaker for his exceptional presentation, while Mrs. Muskan Mittal received the award for Best Research Paper for her insightful work on juvenile justice reform.

The valedictory ceremony concluded with reflections on the conference's key takeaways. The discussions and research shared during the sessions were lauded as essential steps toward shaping future policies and practices in the field of child rights and juvenile justice. The conference ended on a hopeful note, with a collective commitment to continue efforts in addressing the issues discussed and driving meaningful reforms in legal frameworks concerning child protection and justice systems.

Both sessions highlighted pressing issues such as child sexual abuse, online exploitation, juvenile recidivism, and the long-term psychological effects of childhood trauma. Legal frameworks were critically analyzed for their effectiveness, with discussions emphasizing the need for stronger enforcement of child protection laws and improved rehabilitation programs. The conference concluded by reaffirming the importance of ongoing research, dialogue, and advocacy in safeguarding children's rights. The insights shared will play a crucial role in shaping future policies and interventions in child rights and juvenile justice.

Soon after the Prize Distribution Ceremony, Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Convener of the Conference, Dr. Hans Kumar Sharma. The Conference got concluded with the National Anthem and Group Photographs of the Dignitaries, Participants and the Volunteers. A high tea was arranged for all the guests and dignitaries. During the high tea everyone engaged in a meaningful discussion and walked out with a broader understanding of the theme and an appreciation for the diverse perspectives shared.

SOME GLIMPSES OF THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE





