

ADMISSION BROCHURE

PG DIPLOMA COURSE

IN

JUVENILE JUSTICE, CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

Offered By

Centre for Women and Child Rights, Gujarat National Law
University (GNLU) Gandhinagar,
and

Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice (PIJJ)
(A Unit of Prayas JAC Society)

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About Gujarat National Law University



Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, (www.gnlu.ac.in), is a statutory University established by the Government of Gujarat through Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003.

GNLU is recognised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU); the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI); and, the International Association of Law Schools (IALS). GNLU offers interdisciplinary legal courses in five faculties namely, BA LLB, BCom LLB, BSc LLB, BSW LLB, BBA LLB; post-graduate programme namely, LLM as well as doctoral programmes in law and interdisciplinary fields and foreign law and languages programmes.

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has ranked GNLU as the 5th best law school in the country in 2025 whereas GSIRF (Gujarat State Institutional Ratings Framework) has ranked GNLU as 'Five Star' University in the category of law with highest CGPA. As per the Outlook Ranking and India Today Ranking, GNLU is placed 3rd among the top law institutes and 3rd best law college respectively in the country in 2025.
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About

Centre for Women and Child Rights, (GNLU) Gandhinagar

The GNLU Centre for Women and Child Rights (GCWCR) is a Centre of Excellence established in September 2020 under the aegis of Gujarat National Law University. The Centre aims to develop, promote, and support advanced interdisciplinary studies and research at the intersection of law and policy in areas such as gender rights, reproductive justice, and social inclusion. GCWCR's work encompasses three core approaches: critical legal research, student-led advocacy, and collaborative projects aimed at fostering meaningful change. The Centre focuses on strengthening public policy through independent, non-partisan and rigorous research in child rights, education, mental health of women and children, and overall child welfare. The Centre has built significant partnerships with major institutions, including the Ministry of Women and Child Development (Government of India), the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in New Delhi, and the Gender Resource Centre of the Government of Gujarat, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat, providing extensive research and policy inputs to these bodies.

The Centre's research portfolio includes student-led work on Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009, school mergers, and surrogacy laws. GCWCR actively engages the academic community through various initiatives, including conferences on the Right to Education Act, reading circles, and other events that foster dialogue on critical issues in women's and children's rights. Notable examples of their advocacy impact include their September 2023 representation to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, urging inclusion of HPV vaccines in the Universal Immunisation Programme, which received acknowledgement and consideration from the Ministry in October 2023. The Centre's influence has extended to the international level as well. In 2025, GCWCR's contribution to the UN Special Rapporteur's Call for Submissions on "A child-centered response to the sexual exploitation of children in street situations" was officially published on the OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) website, demonstrating the Centre's growing recognition in global human rights discourse and its ability to contribute meaningful research to international policy frameworks on child protection.

About Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice (PIJJ)



Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre Society (Society-Estd.1988/Reg.S/20291/1989) is a national level, child, youth and women centric Community-based, non-profit service delivery organization, directly serving the marginalized, vulnerable destitute, deprived, trafficked, run-away and missing children besides the marginalized women, youth and homeless people. Responding to the needs of the homeless, street & working children and the juveniles in Delhi, Prayas originated in 1988 and initially developed as a voluntary organisation through the joint efforts of Delhi Police, Delhi School of Social Work (Delhi University) and Shramik Vidyapeeth (now Jan Shikshan Sansthan-Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, GoI).



Prayas operates through two main verticals- The Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice (PIJJ), an apex unit of Prayas JAC Society and Allied organisations, which has a proven track record of research and action-based studies, policy formulation, advocacy in respect of the delivery of hard-core services and Prayas Institute of Economic

Empowerment (PIEE) and runs 5 Jan Shikshan Santhans (JSS) - (Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship GoI) & Sanchay Prayas Swavlamban Santhan (SPSS- Section 8 Non-profit Company).

PIJJ along with PIEE and the Head Office (HO), located at 59 Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi 110062, presently oversees 329 Centres/Units, run by over 789 co-workers directly serving nearly 50,000 beneficiaries in 12 States/UTs of the country. Prayas has holistically looked after and provided lifeline support to 2,98,000 out of which 1,94,000 Children in Need of Care & Protection (CNCP) and Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) under the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act(s) (1986 until now 2015 Act) out of whom 26000 CNCP/CCL looked after by the organisation at Feroz Shah Kotla Observation Home). The thematic and functional Projects through various Centres provide strongly-felt needed support in the areas like: Child Protection & Juvenile Justice; Child Rights, Human Trafficking and Child/Forced Labour; Child Exploitation & Abuse; Institutional & Non-institutional Care; Health & Nutrition; Education, Skill Development & Livelihood; Disaster & Crisis Management; Destitution, Beggary & Homelessness etc.

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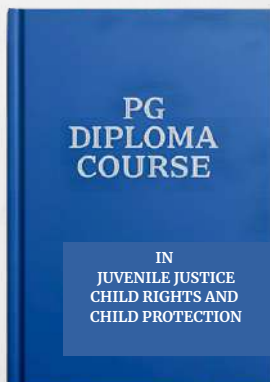
JUVENILE JUSTICE, CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

The Postgraduate Diploma in Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the critical issues like the protection of Rights of children through the Juvenile Justice System in its wider applications fulfilling the needs and rights of children and key policies which are driven by the Children Related Laws in India, i.e., the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, the POCSO Act, 2012, Child Marriage Act, 2006, and the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 and the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 among others. The principles and the provisions of the JJ Act / system which creates the framework for the care, protection, development, welfare, rehabilitation & social reintegration of the CCL (Children in Conflict with Law) & CNCP (Children in need of Care and Protection) system are overarching all the current child-related legislations in India and all the schemes and policies like Mission Vatsalya, NLSA Child Protection Policy, and the National Policy for Children, 2013.

Child has been variably defined under the laws concerning the children. However, endorsing the UNCRC (ratified by India in 1991), a child is generally being defined as a person up to the age of 18 years. Successive child related laws in India including BNS (Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita) 2023, are now endorsing the JJ Act definition of child as a person who has not completed the age of 18 years.

We believe that the rights and needs of the child are synonymous and therefore, the JJ system coupled with Child Rights and Child Protection creates an ecosystem for all the stakeholders, i.e., DCPU, CWC, JJB, the judges and prosecutors/advocates of Children's Court, Judiciary, SJPU, CWPOs, SSB, RPF and GRP, State and National Commissions for the Protection of Child Rights, legal service authorities, Support Persons and lawyers working with children, team members of Child Helpline, staff of Child Care Institutions, Adoption Agencies, and volunteers & CSOs in the field of Juvenile Justice, Child Protection and Child Rights.

Children are the foundation of our society, yet they remain one of the most vulnerable, often neglected groups. The protection and promotion of child rights are essential to ensuring their holistic development, safety, and well-being.



Raising awareness about these Rights is crucial to empowering children and building a more just and equitable society. Child Rights refer to the fundamental entitlements that all children possess, regardless of race, gender, nationality, or socio-economic status. These rights are enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which outlines four core principles: Survival Rights, Development Rights, Protection Rights, and Participation Rights. Over the years, the UNCRC rights of children have attained justiciability through various child related laws in India particularly the JJ Act 2015 & CPCRC, Commission of the Protection of Child Rights Act 2005.

Awareness of child rights is key to preventing violations and ensuring their implementation. Through education and advocacy, individuals and communities can recognize signs of child abuse, exploitation, and discrimination; promote access to education, healthcare, and social protection for all children; equip children with the knowledge and confidence to understand and assert their rights; and encourage policymakers and institutions to prioritize child welfare in their decision-making processes.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection is a specialized programme designed to equip the participants with theoretical and practical understanding of the evolving field of Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection related laws in India.

Objectives of the Course



Developing the understanding of the core legal instruments such as International Conventions and Treaties like the UNCRC as well as the plethora of national legislations related to children.

Creating an enabling environment for the fulfilment of juvenile justice, child rights and child protection.

Attaining systemic and transformative changes through actions by the stakeholders at multi-tier level, i.e., village, panchayat, block, district, state and national level through the laid down legal processes, providing support to the CNCP, CCL, trafficked, abused, homeless and working children.

Promoting 'citizen accountability' to challenge and change socio-economic and cultural narratives that normalize harmful practices such as child marriage, child trafficking and child labour, and all forms of child abuse.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Positioning India at the forefront of the best practices in inputs of our shared vision for India in 2047 through the implementation of the constitutional and global commitment, and the child protection laws and policies.

COURSE SCHEME

The Program offers eight courses and one dissertation in two semesters.

Semester I

- **Introduction to Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection**
- **Juvenile Justice System (JJS) in India vis-a-vis Child Rights & International Instruments**
- **Juvenile Justice, Child Protection & Child Rights-Definitions, scope & integrated concepts**
- **Child Rights Related Laws in India: Part I (Legal and Judicial Approach)**

Semester II

- **Child Protection Mechanism**
- **Child Rights Related Laws in India: Part II**
- **Institutional and Non-institutional Care and Protection for Children**
- **Child rights advocacy**
- **Dissertation.**

TEACHING PEDAGOGY

- » Lecture Method
- » Class Discussions
- » Flipped Classroom
- » Collaborative Learning
- » Case Studies
- » Problem Solving
- » Case Discussion and Audio-visual documentaries



IMPORTANT DETAILS:

ELIGIBILITY:

Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from any recognized University.

COURSE DURATION:

The duration of the Course is 1 year. (The course is offered from January to December every year)

MODE OF LEARNING:

Blended (Both Online and Offline classes will be conducted)
Classes on Every Weekend - Saturday, Sunday (Except on Public Holidays)

Online through Cisco Webex

Offline classes will be conducted at the end of the Semester.
The participants will be required to attend the classes at the GNLU Campus and appear in the examination.

PROGRAM FEE:

Rs. 20,000/- for the entire course, inclusive of tuition fee, examination fee, library fee and administration charges.

Total Seats - 60

LAST DATE TO APPLY:

20th Jan 2026.

LAST DATE FOR FEE PAYMENT:

23rd Jan 2026.

Fee Payment Link - [Click here to pay fees.](#)

HOW TO APPLY:

The candidate should download the Application Form from the GNLU website (www.gnlu.ac.in) and send the duly completed application form along with the Application Fee of Rs. 1000/ (screenshot of payment / Transaction details of the payment should be attached) to the following address:

The Regsitrar,
Gujarat National Law University
Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba,
Gandhinagar-382426, Gujarat, INDIA

Link to Pay the Application Fee-
<https://rzp.io/rzp/UzCfb0I>

- The Form must reach by Registered post or hand delivery to reach latest by 23rd Jan 2026, 17.00 hrs.
- The application must be sent in a closed envelope mentioning “Application for admission in PG Diploma in Juvenile Justice, Child Rights and Child Protection” on top of it.
- The form must be accompanied by self-attested copies of graduation degree, mark sheet and a passport size photograph and any govt. issued ID proof.
- The soft copy of the form is also to be submitted at pgdjcrp@gnlu.ac.in

TEAM



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