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Two Day National Seminar
On
CHILD RIGHTS – ISSUES AND CHALLENGES
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"Children are our most valuable resource."- Herbert Hoover, 31st U.S. president.

About the University

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Main Theme of the Seminar

Children are part of an unparalleled effort to establish and maintain a global community based upon universal but evolving standards of human decency, morality and dignity. The development of children is the first priority on the country's development agenda, not because they are our supreme assets but also the future human resources of the country. The best possible investment – the investment that promises the highest returns is to ensure that every child grows up in an environment conducive to his or her development. While India has, over the last few decades, made considerable progress in ensuring child survival and basic education, much remains to be done. When the major indicators for the Indian child's development – maternal mortality, birth weight, immunization, nutritional level and basic education are compared with these of other developing countries, it is clear that the Indian child urgently needs better interventions.

The Indian Constitution has a framework within which ample provisions exist for the protection, development and welfare for children. There are a wide range of laws that guarantee children their rights and entitlement as provided in the Constitution and in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. As part of the various five year plans numerous programmes have been launched by the Government aimed at providing services to child in the areas of Health, Nutrition and Education.

In the year 1974 the Government of India adopted a National Policy for Children deciding the nation's child as supremely important assets. The Department of women and child Development was set up in the Ministry of Human Resource development in 1985. The National Plan for Children was adopted in 1992 and the Government of India ratified the Convention of the Rights of the Child on 12th November 1992. Most of the rights detailed in the Convention are guaranteed in the Constitution of India. The rights have been expanded through the process of judicial interpretations and review.

Rights may be declared policies may be formulated but unless the life of the child in the family and community gets improved all efforts may be meaningless. There is a need to raise awareness and create a mindset in the society in respecting the rights of the children in the Indian society. We need to empower the younger generation to assert their basic rights in order to realize their full potential.

If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children." – Mahatma Gandhi. "Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."- Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa. The way we treat our children reflects our moral system. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace."

In the present context the vision for the future has to be an India where all children have all the chances they need for optimal development. The emerging question is, despite significant investments and a conducive policy framework why is the status of Indian children far from satisfactory? What is the way forward to achieve this vision? It is with the objective of finding answers to the above questions the TNDALU proposes to organize a National Seminar on **Child Rights: Issues and Challenges**. The seminar shall provide a useful platform for the academicians, Advocates, Officials from various departments, research scholars NGOs, policy makers, Child rights activists, and others to address the challenges in protecting the rights of the children.

Sub Themes of the Seminar:

- ❖ Child Rights Monitoring and Governance –National and International Perspectives.
- ❖ Policy and legislative frameworks providing protection and rehabilitation to children.
- ❖ Health, Education and Nutritional rights for the children.
- ❖ Protection of children under the criminal justice system.
- ❖ Role of judiciary in protecting child rights.
- ❖ Cyber Crimes and child rights.
- ❖ Child Abuse – sexual abuse and Trafficking.
- ❖ Personal laws and children.
- ❖ Child labour – issues and concerns, migrant child workers, child labourers in hazardous industries.
- ❖ Refugee children – protection.
- ❖ Rights of special children – differently abled, mentally retarded, autism.
- ❖ Child Rights in developing and developed countries.
- ❖ Child rights during armed conflicts.
- ❖ Environmental challenges and child rights.
- ❖ Child rights in international crimes.

We invite Quality research papers, including field studies, from scholars, researchers, bar & bench, teachers, NGOs/civil societies and students are invited based on the topics mentioned in the Seminar theme. **The list in the sub themes is not exhaustive. Any other contemporary themes related to the main theme are admissible.** The papers should be original and unpublished. One or more authors may be included in the paper. The paper must be presented either by the author or co-author.

All papers are subject to scrutiny by an expert committee and selected papers alone are permitted for presentation in the Seminar. Please bring hard and soft copies of the full paper on the day of the seminar. Soft copy of power point presentation should be in CD or in Pen Drives. Only those papers which are accepted by the Editorial Committee will be included in the seminar proceedings. All research papers shall be subject to scrutiny of anti-plagiarism software.

Kindly send a soft copy in MS word format and hard copy (**Font: “Times New Roman”, Size 12 and 1.5 line spacing with normal print margin**) of the abstract and full paper not exceeding 8 pages including statistical data, figures and other annexure before the stipulated time. At the end of the paper, there should be a brief profile of the author with E-mail ID, contact number and address. **Articles received after the stipulated deadline will not be entertained for presentation in the seminar.** Further, forward a copy to the following email ID: childseminar2014@gmail.com **Selected papers will be published as a book with ISBN number and it will be released on the eve of children’s day November 14th 2014.**

Certificate for actual participation shall be issued after completion of your presentation. No certificate shall be issued *in absentia* and there shall be no refund of registration charges at any stage.

REGISTRATION FEE

The Registration fee is payable by each author and co- authors of the paper individually and separately as detailed below:

Academicians and Law Professionals : Rs.300/-

Research Scholars & students : Rs.200/-

Request for registration of delegates should reach Dr.R.Haritha Devi, Director of the Seminar, the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Chennai- 600 028 in the enclosed registration form along with a demand draft favouring “The Registrar, The TN Dr. Ambedkar Law University” payable at Chennai. Tea and Lunch will be provided to all participants. No TA and DA will be paid to delegates.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submission of abstract

along with the Registration Form : **19nd September 2014.**

Last date for submission full paper : **26th September 2014.**

Date of the Seminar : **29th and 30th September 2014.**

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