

TWO-DAYS  
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SEMINAR ON  
CHILD ONLINE  
PROTECTION  
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# About Karnavati University (K.U.)



**K**arnavati University is a State Private University dedicated to excellence in teaching and focused on interdisciplinary learning. It's located in Uvarsad near Gandhinagar, K.U. was granted Private University status by the State of Gujarat through the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2017.

KU has five constituent colleges, with a total strength of nearly 3000 students. These colleges are Unitedworld School of Design (UID), Unitedworld School of Business (UWSB), Karnavati School of Dentistry (KSD), Unitedworld School of Liberal Arts and Mass Communication (USLM) and Unitedworld School of Law (UWSL). UWSL is a new statutory institute established by Unitedworld Group amidst lush green environment near Gandhinagar. The institute is recognized by the Bar Council of India and it is affiliated to Karnavati University.

The vision is to impart legal education with the aim of inculcating constitutional values in the students of Law, to constantly work for the betterment of the nation through legal education and to effectively

contribute and strengthen justice delivery system by helping the students understand how to make the law, implement the law and interpret the law in India. Unitedworld School of Law, KU is striving to become a world-class Law School, looked upon as a reservoir of high-thinking professionals and visionaries. The institute also functions as a nodal agency to uplift the legal education in Gujarat.



# Concept Note



With the growth of information and digital communication technology, children are increasingly becoming the vulnerable targets of online crimes including cyber bullying, grooming, impersonation, sextortion, revenge porn, trolling etc. Again, children may themselves invite unwanted legal tangles when they create sexted images, or when they try to access digital devices or digital data of others without any authorization. Internet era children are digitally smarter than their parents. It has been observed in many kinds of research that many children access several social networking sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and communication apps like WhatsApp etc. without any parental guidance or without the knowledge of the parents (a majority of whom may be challenged in Internet communication technology and digital communication technology).

Majority of the parents may not prefer to report the matter of online crimes against children in spite of the fact that both Information Technology Act, 2000 (amended in 2008) and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) have addressed several online crimes against children and POCSO Act has also provided mechanisms to report crimes against children, including online crimes. Apart from this, the National Commission for Protection of Rights of Children (NCPCR) and National Commission for Women (NCW) have also provided several online platforms for reporting of online child victimization cases. But the main reason for parents and children for not reporting online

crimes could be the fear of further victimization in the police station. Parents and children may also feel that reporting online crimes could lead to publicizing of the problem to larger social groups which may damage the family reputation. In several cases, children may also feel not to report any victimization to parents fearing unnecessary parental interference in their lives. But it does not mean that all children who are victimized by way of online crimes may withstand the trauma of victimization. Several incidences may show that victims of cyber bullying have found self-harm including suicide as the best way to cope with the situation; victims of cyber stalking, revenge porn etc. may adopt irrational coping mechanisms only to enter into more trouble. Victims of data mining and grooming may undergo prolonged psychological trauma. They may also face physical threats. This grave situation has called for action from stakeholders including Government and Non-Governmental organizations, the police, etc. The need of the hour is making the parents, schools and students themselves aware of the issue and the safety measures. Parents and teachers are considered to be the most trusted caregivers for children. But due to various reasons parents, teachers and children including students could not make a trusted "unit" for combating child online victimization in India.

# Objectives Of The Seminar

- To discuss and understand the recent trends of cyber-crimes against children in India.
- To frame a pathway to address the issue in Gujarat.
- To create awareness material for parents, teachers and children.

## Sub-Themes

### Theme 1

#### Cyber Bullying And Online Crimes Against Children- Typology

- **Child Pornography:** Sharing of real-life case studies from public domain- online sexual exploitation of children- the creation of content for pornographic purposes- grooming and sexual gratification- revenge pornography- sexting- exploitation of LGBTQI children- how to prevent and how to address.
- **Cyber bullying:** Sharing of real-life case studies from public domain- the psychological impact of cyber bullying on children- how to prevent and how to address.
- **Online Gaming** and psychological impact.

### Theme 2

#### Liability Of Web- Service Providers: Twitter, Facebook, Whats App, Instagram, Google

- Aspects of web- service liability in the context of India.
- POCSO Act and Web- service liability.
- Policies of individual web- service providers with respect to their liability.
- Key challenges with regard to web- service liability and solutions to address those challenges.

### Theme 3

#### Law And Enforcement To Address Cybercrime Against Children:

- Legal framework (International and National instruments) relevant in India to address cybercrime against children- laws, policies, schemes and legal jurisprudence.
- Various platforms and tools available to report and address cybercrime against children.
- Key challenges in the enforcement of laws to protect children from cybercrime- a law enforcers perspective.

# Sub-Themes

## Theme 4 | Prevention and awareness about digital citizenship

- Role of parents to ensure child online protection.
- Role of teachers and educational institutions to ensure child online protection.
- Role of media to ensure child online protection.
- Role of children as content makers and peer influencers.

## Key Participants

Academics

Students Of Law, Criminology, Sociology, Psychology

Research Scholars

Representatives Of The Civil Society

Lawyers

Parents

School Teachers, School Administration,  
Teacher Educators

NGOs

Para Legal Volunteers

Police Personnel Involved With Cyber Crime Cells  
And SJPU

District Child Protection Officers Under Social  
Justice And Empowerment Department

Select Chairpersons And Members Of  
Child Welfare Committees (CWCs)

## Call For Papers

Academics, researchers, representatives of the civil society and research scholars and others are invited to submit their original research papers on the above-listed sub-themes to be covered in different technical sessions of the seminar.

## Guidelines For Abstract Submission

- The abstract must be developed on A4-sheet in Word Document Format Typed in Times New Roman.
- Font size- 12 along with 1.5 line spacing.
- Word limit- not more than 500 words, it should not contain more than FIVE keywords, explaining the main idea, the objective of the article and the conclusions drawn from it.
- The abstract should contain personal details of the author(s) in the order: Title of the paper, Name, Designation, Institute/ University/ College/Organization, Contact number, E-mail and address(es), of the author(s).
- Kindly indicate the name of the main author for correspondence in case of more than one authors.

# Guidelines For Full Paper Submission

- **Title:** Must be written in bold, size 14 and centred margin.
- **Margin:** Manuscripts must be in single spacing, font size 12 in Times New Roman and all margins: 1.5 inches (left) and 1 inch (top, right and bottom).
- **Tables:** Tables must be placed as part of the text. DO NOT attach tables at the end of the manuscript.
- **Software:** Manuscript must be submitted in Microsoft Word 2007 in the above format ONLY.
- **Sub Title:** Written in bold, size 12 and left margin
- **Tables/ Figures:** Title of the tables/figure should be written on the top of the tables/figure. Times New Roman, font 12, Bold and cantered margin.
- **Footnoting:** The Authors should conform to the Harvard Bluebook (20th edition) system of citation.
- **Word Limit:** Articles should be generally of 4000-6000 words (excluding references and footnotes).
- Not more than two authors shall be allowed to co-author a paper.
- In case of co-authorship, both the authors are required to be present for the paper presentation. No presentation in-absentia shall be allowed.
- Selected papers would be published in the special volume of Unitedworld Law Journal (ISSN:2457-0427)
- The submission must be the original work of the authors. Any form of plagiarism will lead to direct rejection.
- No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission.

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## Note

- Registration is mandatory on confirmation of acceptance of abstract and also those who are only participating without submissions. Only registered participants will be allowed to take part in National Seminar.
- Please indicate your need for accommodation in Registration Form. No accommodation will be provided to an accompanying person who is not participating or submitting a paper in the seminar.
- Certificates shall be provided to all persons participating and successfully attending all the scheduled sessions. No certificates shall be provided in-absentia.

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## Important Dates

**Last Date For Abstract:** On Or Before June 13, 2019

**Date For Confirmation Of Acceptance:** Within Five Working Days Of  
Receipt Of Abstract

**Last Date For Registration:** June 15, 2019

**Submission Of Full Paper:** June 17, 2019

# Registration Procedure

- **No Registration fee** for participation or presentation in the Seminar.
- To register, please send email to [kuseminar@uwsl.edu.in](mailto:kuseminar@uwsl.edu.in)
- Please attach scanned copy of government /institution/school identity card issued along with Registration Form and send through email.
- **Note: Limited seats, organizers reserves the right to reject any application.**

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## Boarding & Lodging

### Outstation Participants Accommodation

- Accommodation shall be provided to outstation participants from June 21st (18 hrs.) to June 23rd (12 hrs.) The stay shall be inclusive of breakfast and dinner for the quoted duration. Arrangements for accommodation shall be made by the organizers at ITC Fortune Haveli, Gandhinagar, on sharing basis.
- Participants shall be provided with Lunch, Tea and Hi-Tea at the venue of the Workshop.
- All participants are required to submit the requisite details for transfer of the reimbursement amount in the Google Form emailed to the Registered Participants.
- All details pertaining to Bank Details should be duly filled in the form.
- Any discrepancy or incomplete detail shall lead to non-issuance of the reimbursement amount. Please note that all transfers pertaining to the reimbursement amount shall only be made via NEFT payment method. No such payment shall be made in cash under any circumstance to any of the participants.

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## Travel Reimbursement

- Participants commuting to the venue of the Seminar from Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar shall be reimbursed the fares for transportation. A consolidated amount of Rs.700 shall be provided for both the days of commutation (to and from) the venue of the seminar.
- Participants attending the workshop from outside Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar, but within the radius of 1000 km distance from Venue shall be reimbursed with the Railway/Bus/Four-wheeler fare. A total amount of not more than Rs. 2000 on actuals shall be reimbursed to such participants.
- Participants attending the workshop from outside Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar, but beyond the radius of 1000 km distance from Venue shall be reimbursed with the Airfare/Railway/Bus/Four-wheeler fare. A total amount of not more than Rs. 5000 on actuals shall be reimbursed to such participants.
- **Note: All participants are required to submit a hard copy of their tickets, as reimbursement shall be issued after cross verification with the hard copy of the receipts. No reimbursement shall be made without verification with the hard copy of such receipts.**

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