

Event Report

On 13th December 2024, the Centre for Child Rights, in collaboration with the Centre for Career Counselling and Capacity Building, organised a special lecture on the theme “Child Rights Advocacy as a Career”. The session was graced by the esteemed Advocate Vikram Srivastava, Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and Founder of Independent Thought. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from volunteers of both centres as well as a large number of students. The guest and his team were cordially welcomed by Dr. Himangshu Ranjan Nath, Faculty Convener of the Centre for Child Rights, and Dr. Amol Deo Chavan, Faculty Convener of the Centre for Career Counselling and Capacity Building. The session began with a warm welcome by Tushar Azad, Student Coordinator of the Centre for Child Rights, who also addressed the audience and introduced the guest.

The session commenced with Advocate Vikram Srivastava emphasising that a child rights advocate is fundamentally a human rights advocate, underscoring the universal nature of the discipline. He provided insights into the increasing global focus on child rights, sharing his personal experiences to highlight the growing interest in this field. He further elaborated on the rising investment by international organizations like ILO, UNICEF, and the World Bank in child welfare, which has subsequently led to the creation of diverse opportunities for individuals aspiring to build a career in this area.

Advocate Srivastava spoke extensively about the wide range of roles available in child rights advocacy, from litigation to policy-making and research. He encouraged law students to actively engage in this field, emphasizing the importance of conjoint reading, research, and the interpretation of statutes in contributing to the discourse on child rights. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, where the guest addressed queries from the audience, providing practical insights and encouraging the students to pursue child rights advocacy with passion and dedication.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Prosfutita, Student Coordinator of the Centre for Child Rights, formally concluding the enlightening and inspiring session.