

Two Credit Certificate Course on Human Rights and Justice



RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY OF LAW,
PUNJAB

Centre for Advanced Studies in
Human Rights (CASIHR)

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About RGNUL

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The Act incorporated a law university of national stature in Punjab, thereby fulfilling the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalisation and liberalization. The University acquired the approval of the Bar Council of India (BCI) in July 2006. In May 2015, the University became the first and only NLU to get accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an 'A' grade. In 2018, RGNUL was amongst the four NLUs to have been granted autonomous status by the University Grants Commission. The University has been ranked among the top 10 law schools in India under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The University is currently emphasizing on research, training, and consultancy in various of contemporary legal interests and envisages to be a research-intensive university in times to come.

About CASIHR

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights (CASIHR) is a research Centre under the aegis of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL). The Centre's primary objective is to promote advanced study and interdisciplinary research on the emerging trends in human rights and its allied fields. It endeavours to encourage debates and discussions on the matters that gyrate around the human rights at regional, national and international level so as to contribute paradigm shift in the cognitive understanding of these issues. The CASIHR aims at promoting, supporting and carrying out advanced studies and interdisciplinary research on numerous issues ranging from good governance to globalization processes, with a particular focus on human rights in national, regional and international perspectives; human rights in peace and war; human rights and human security; trade and sustainable development, nuclear weapons and use of force by States; environmental degradation; democracy and rule of law; and human rights and good governance. In full recognition of the complex local, regional, national and international issues involved. The CASIHR intends to approach any study and research from a multi-level and multi-actor perspective. The vision of the Centre is no doubt highly ambitious, but so is the spirit of this university's management, staff and students who would leave no stone unturned to achieve their targets by leaps and bounds.

Bearing in mind the aims and objectives of the Centre, a Major Research Project titled "Human Rights Education in Schools in India: A Comparative Study of Syllabus prescribed by State Education Board" granted by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was undertaken by CASIHR. A bi-annual peer reviewed Human Rights Journal titled Journal on Human Rights Practice is published under this Centre aiming to contribute the literature on human rights and also providing a platform for academicians, professionals and students to contribute the research in the field of human rights. A Quarterly Newsletter, titled 'The Human Rights Communiqué', has also been publishing for the past 6 years under the patronage of CASIHR. Each quarter, this newsletter comprises of articles on relevant human rights issues, along with national and international news regarding current affairs in the field of human rights. CASIHR organized National and International Seminar, Webinars and Conferences on different issues related to human rights.

About the Course

This Two Credit Certificate Course on Human Rights and Justice is intended to provide undergraduate, postgraduate students, research scholars and human rights enthusiasts pursuing studies in all streams a comprehensive introduction to the basic concepts and practices related to human rights. Through engaging lectures, resources, and interactive discussions, students will explore the philosophical and legal foundations of human rights, delve into key concepts like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and examine specific categories of rights (civil, political, economic, social, and cultural). This course seeks to familiarize students with the fundamentals of national, regional and international instruments (treaties/conventions) and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights. The course will also address contemporary human rights challenges and empower the participants to understand the role individuals and organizations can play in advocating for a more just world.

Learning Objectives

- To provide a learning platform for students and researchers
- To create awareness among students regarding the values of human rights
- To provide human rights education and training
- To develop an understanding of human rights from a global and national perspective
- To understand the issues related to human rights
- To understand the application of human rights in India

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Understand the philosophy of human rights
- Recognize the importance of human rights in social life
- Understand various issues related to human rights violations and tools for their protection
- Explain the historical and philosophical foundations of human rights
- Analyse the content and significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Identify and differentiate between various categories of human rights
- Critically evaluate contemporary human rights challenges
- Explain the role of international human rights law and institutions
- Develop foster attitudes of tolerance, respect, solidarity, and responsibility
- With additional specialization, students can aspire to work as human rights activists
- Develop strategies for advocating for human rights in your community and globally

Teaching Pedagogy

The course will be delivered through online lectures via Cisco Webex by experts in the area of Human Rights and Justice. Together with the lectures and case studies, other collaborative methods may also be utilised to analyse the issues surrounding the various aspects of the framework of Human Rights. on weekends in the evening over 9 weeks. Course materials and resources will be provided to enrolled learners.

Evaluation: The Course offers two credits and for the purposes of evaluation, an examination based on relevant MCQs/Quizzes and article submission relating to the topics discussed shall be held in an online mode. Each participant shall be required to have 75% attendance to be eligible for the examination and has to secure at least 60% marks, individually in each test, in order to become eligible for the award certificate of the course.

Important Dates

Last date for registration and payment of fees: **30th August 2024**

Date of commencement of the course: **31st August 2024**

Date of examination (tentative): **28th October 2024**

Registration Details

The Course fee is **Rs. 500/-** excluding GST for **RGNUL Students** and **Rs. 800/-** excluding GST for **others**. Students wishing to attend the course have to register using the link.

Payment Link

Note: All the scheduled lectures will be held only on **Saturdays and Sundays (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM)** from August to October 2024. After the successful registration and payment of the fees, students will be informed of the specific schedule. The lectures shall be delivered in an online mode only.

THEMES

The course shall cover the following broad area:

1. Introduction to Human Rights, History and Evolution of Human Rights, Ideologies Associated with Human Rights Instruments and Covenants associated with Universal Human Rights, Mitigation techniques for human rights violation.
2. Child and Human Rights, Women and Human Rights, Migrant Labour and Human Rights, elder People and Human Right
3. Human Rights Activision and role of Autonomous Human Rights Organizations (with special reference to Amnesty International, Youth for Human Rights, ICRC, Human Rights Watch, Khalsa Aid)
4. Indian Constitution and Human Rights, Human Rights Laws in India and Human Rights during Emergency, Human Rights and IPR
5. Human Rights and disaster management, Climate Change and Human Rights.
6. Introduction to National & State Human Rights Commission; Human Rights and Criminal Justice System: Police-Torture, Custodial Violence and Disappearances Draconian Laws, Pre-Trial Detention, Under Trials and Prisoners.
7. Human Rights and Armed Conflict (International and Non-International) International Human Rights Law and International Instruments relating to human rights; UDHR, ICCPR and ICESCR etc.; Human Rights and Terrorism

Note: The syllabus shall be provided along with the schedule upon successful registration and payment of fees.

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