



**CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**
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In Collaboration With

UNITED NATIONS 75 (UN75)

Presents

**UN75: STUDENT
DIALOGUE ON
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS- HOW FAR
HAVE WE COME
AND WHAT'S
NEXT?**

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ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH) is an esteemed research centre of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, which is dedicated to research in the field of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). It aims to ensure that future leaders and opinion-makers understand the practical relevance of the subject of IHL and have a thorough knowledge of its basic principles. Whenever there are serious and large-scale violations of IHL, the law itself tends to get the blame. Such violations should, of course, rouse the international community to action, however, it is important to find out exactly where the problem lies rather than rushing headlong into changing the rules, especially as this is nowadays an extremely arduous, costly and unpredictable process. Therefore, the first and foremost function is to sensitize teachers, researchers, and students about the provisions of the IHL so that they may choose IHL as a field in their future research endeavours.

UNITED NATIONS 75 (UN75)

Launched by the UN Secretary-General, the UN's 75th-anniversary initiative aims to listen to people across the world, especially youth. Over 12 months, the UN75 team will gather public perspectives on global challenges and ideas on how to tackle them through a one-minute survey, online dialogues, formal opinion polling and media analysis. The results will be presented in September 2020, at the official commemoration of the UN's 75th anniversary, after which UN75 will focus on how best to take them forward, with a final report to be published in January 2021.

Through UN75, the UN will encourage people to put their opinions together to define how enhanced international cooperation can help realize a better world by 2045. Tackling issues such as the climate crisis, inequality, new patterns of violence and the major changes we are seeing in population and technology to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals – our shared vision for the future – will require cooperation across borders, sectors and generations. But just when we need collective action more than ever, support for global cooperation is flagging. In many countries, public trust in traditional institutions is in decline and relations between countries are under strain. Dialogue – and action – on global issues could not be more urgent. Through these conversations, the UN aims to build a global vision of 2045 – its centenary, increase understanding of the threats to that future, and support enhanced international cooperation to realise that vision.

KEY THEME

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The 17 SDGs are integrated—that is, they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability. Through the pledge to Leave No One Behind, countries have committed to fast-track progress for those furthest behind first. That is why the SDGs are designed to bring the world to several life-changing ‘zeros’, including zero poverty, hunger, AIDS and discrimination against women and girls. Everyone is needed to reach these ambitious targets. The creativity, know-how, technology and financial resources from all of society is necessary to achieve the SDGs in every context.

The COVID-19 outbreak has only intensified existing inequalities and emphasized the need for urgent action on world agendas. With over 20+ million cases globally, the precipitous spread of the novel coronavirus has turned a public health emergency into one of the worst human and economic crisis of our lifetimes. Suddenly the conversations are more intense around food security, job losses, and family safety among others. It is imperative to understand that both the SDGs and the COVID- 19 pandemic response are intertwined and cannot be tackled by a piecemeal approach. This pandemic has brought to the forefront of the weaknesses in our global system. As the world fights the crisis, we cannot ignore the fact that SDGs still offers us the best chance to move ahead. It is an opportunity for us to act in solidarity, ramp up necessary actions and take it as an impetus to achieve the SDGs. Five years since the adoption of this agenda, with only ten years left to realize it- How far has the International Community come, and How far is yet to go?

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

- To identify gaps in policy formulation and approach the meaningful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in India.
- To spread awareness and knowledge about the Sustainable Development Goals among the citizens of the country.
- To reinvigorate support among the citizens for global cooperation and make Sustainable Development Goals more effective and inclusive.
- To develop consensus on having collective actions to deal with issues that will have significant, transformative global impacts, including existential and catastrophic risks such as climate change etc.
- To highlight the importance of enhanced global action for all these goals to ensure environmental, social and economic welfare of the planet.

EVENT BRIEF

The Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH), RGNUL plans to organize a student-driven Panel Discussion on the topic, with our own students acting as speakers and moderator whilst we also give the mic to other students and academicians from outside colleges. The discussion would be in collaboration with the United Nations as the organization celebrates its 75th Anniversary (UN75) and encourages more youth leadership and activism than ever. 2020 must be a year of dialogue, when we come together to discuss our priorities as a human family, and how we can build a better future for all. Will this pandemic bring the world closer together? Or will it lead to greater mistrust? Global dialogue- and action- is now more urgent than ever. Join the conversation, make a difference!

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