

REPORT

International Conference on Championing Inclusivity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Disability Rights and Social Justice

Date: 26th May, 2024

DME Law School, Noida, India in collaboration with the Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law, RGNUL, Patiala, University of Jammu & Rotaract Club, Noida organized a hybrid International Conference on the theme of Disability Rights. This event was conducted on 26th May, 2024, at DME, Noida. The conference was coordinated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh– Director General, Dr. Ravikant Swami– Director, Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Kaur Randhawa– Academic Coordinator and Professor, Ms. Sreedurga T.N – Assistant Professor and Ms. Mansi Madan– Assistant Professor. The purpose of the conference was to discuss and advocate for disability rights and social justice for people.

The inaugural ceremony was opened and then concluded by Ms. Sreedurga T.N, Assistant Professor, DME Law School and Faculty Convenor, International Conference. The conference was honored by the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh, Director General, DME, and Prof. (Dr.) Ravi Kant Swami, Director, DME. The event commenced with a compelling address on the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016, emphasizing the conference's dedication to fostering an inclusive society. To symbolize this commitment, the esteemed guests were presented with saplings, reflecting the nurturing of an equitable environment.

The Chief Guests of the event were Prof. (Dr.) Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, National Educational Technology Forum, Chairman of the Executive Committee of NAAC, NBA, and Former Chairman of AICTE and Mr. Nipun Malhotra, CEO of Nipman Foundation. Prof. (Dr.) Anil Sahasrabudhe said that all educational institutions should conduct Anubhav Sivr for a week annually to raise awareness about disability rights among the stakeholders. His thought-provoking address emphasized the need to sensitize society towards inclusivity.

Mr. Nipun Malhotra contributed valuable insights on disability, drawing attention to the significance of Article 15, which prohibits discrimination based on various factors. Rtn.

Ashutosh Singhal, President, Rotaract Club, Noida, Dr. Shashi Sharma, CEO Founder & Vice President, Timetogrow Media, Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Khorana Nagpal, Associate Dean, NMIMS University, Chandigarh, and Mr. Vipin Sahni, Chairman, DME further enriched the conference with their perspectives on societal perceptions of disabled individuals and the moral imperative to embrace inclusivity from various theoretical standpoints.

The conference featured multiple technical sessions that facilitated robust discussions and exchange of ideas. The offline Technical Sessions had Ms. Shaheen Malik, Mr. Ali Zia Kabir Choudhary, Prof. (Dr.) VP Tiwari and Dr. K.K. Dwivedi as chairs and it focused on Empowering Inclusivity: Bridging Disability Rights Across Borders and Disciplines and Breaking Boundaries: Inclusive Education and Disability Rights in the Context of Law, Violence, and Reproductive Autonomy under UN and International Frameworks. These sessions highlighted the importance of global cooperation and interdisciplinary approaches to disability rights and Critical feedback emphasized the need for comprehensive research and awareness of government initiatives, underscoring the importance of legal advocacy and policy reform.

The conference also hosted 14 online technical sessions covering various aspects of disability rights on Inclusive education, national legal frameworks, media's impact on disability perceptions, and reproductive autonomy which focused on intersectionality in disability rights and social justice, addressing issues such as women with disabilities, social security benefits, violence, economic justice, and disability models. It examined judicial responses to disability, including activism, legislative reforms, learning disability assessment, workplace inclusivity, and implementation gaps. These sessions aimed to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, promote inclusive policies, and advance disability rights and social justice, striving for a more equitable society.

The valedictory ceremony was then concluded by Ms. Mansi Madan, Assistant Professor, DME Law School and Faculty Co-Convenor, International Conference and Ms. Srilakshmi Karampudi, Student Convenor, International Conference. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh, Director General, DME Law School and Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Kaur Randhawa, Academic Coordinator and Professor, DME Law School. presented by Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh and Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Kaur Randhawa. The conference ended with Ms. Sreedurga T.N, Assistant Professor, DME Law School and Faculty Convenor, International Conference giving a vote-of-thanks to our eminent guests and participants for

gracing us all with their auspicious presence and she acknowledged the contributions of all participants and reaffirming the commitment to championing inclusivity and advancing disability rights.

GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT





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