

**The Human Rights Studies Programme, School of
International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi)
and the Indian Law Institute (Delhi)**

are organizing a Seminar on

Revisiting Human Rights Commitments

Venue: The Indian Law Institute, Delhi

Date: 13th March, 2023

10.00 am- 5.00 pm

Concept Note

Human rights are essential to a civilized society, and international treaties play a crucial role in promoting and protecting these rights. The nine core human rights treaties, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), among others, provide a framework for the protection of human rights globally. With the adoption of new mechanisms, such as inquiry procedures, and addressing more contemporary issues, such as climate change, deportation, and LGBTQ rights, the need to re-evaluate the human rights commitments of States and other actors are strongly felt. More so, it is the need to seriously consider whether treaty commitments have been turned into strong measures and, if not, what challenges exist.

Revisiting human rights commitments is a dynamic exercise that informs legal and policy reforms, highlights implementation gaps, tests existing approaches to problems, and sheds light on unaddressed issues. Reviewing these commitments can lead to updating provisions, addressing implementation gaps, strengthening monitoring mechanisms, and enhancing state responses toward promoting and protecting the rights of these communities. Revisiting the conventions can also lead to more robust monitoring mechanisms and enhance state obligations towards marginalized communities. Additionally, it can bring to light common concerns, best practices, and strategies for human rights, particularly in conflict-affected regions. With the changing times and new challenges, it is essential to keep these commitments relevant and effective.

In light of these objectives, the Human Rights Studies Programme, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and the Indian Law Institute are organizing a Seminar on **Revisiting Human Rights Commitments** on 13th March 2023. The Seminar is being coordinated by Professor Anuragdeep (ILI) and Dr. Deepa Kansra (HRSP, SIS, JNU) and will include paper presentations from students and research scholars under the guidance of faculty experts. The Seminar will have two sessions:

- Revisiting Human Rights Commitments: The Indian Context
- Revisiting Human Rights Commitments: The International Context

PROGRAMME DETAILS

SESSION I (10.00 am- 1.00 pm)

Revisiting Human Rights Commitments: The Indian Context

Presentations

- Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities in India: A Socio-Legal Perspective- by **Siddhi Varshney and Apoorva Singh**, LL.B.- 2ND Year, Law Centre-I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
- An Empirical Study of Feminine Menstrual Hygiene in Rural Areas of Uttar Pradesh- by **Poonam Singh Parihar** (Ph.D. Scholar) and **Dr. Prashant Chaudhary** (Assistant Professor), Faculty of Behaviour and Social Sciences, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies.
- A Discourse on Right to Education of Refugee Children through Revisiting India's Child Right Convention Commitments- by **Arunava Banerjee**, B.A.LL.B., Batch of 2023, Amity University, Kolkata.
- Measuring Discrimination against LGBTQ Community in Context of Human Rights in India: A Pragmatic Way- by **Anoop Singh**, LL.B.- 2nd Year, Law Centre-I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
- Revisiting the Sedition law in the Indian Jurisprudence- by **Dr. Apeksha Kumari** (Assistant Professor) and **R Jude Rohit** (Third Year LL.B. Student), Law Centre- I, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

Remarks by Chair

Q&A

SESSION II (2.00 PM- 5.00 pm)

Revisiting Human Rights Commitments: The International Context

Presentations

- Legal Responses to Female Genital Mutilation: Limits and Possibilities- by **Pranjal Kashyap**, Postgraduate Student, M.A (PISM), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Case of Child Soldiers in South Sudan Civil War- by **Stuti Gogoi**, Postgraduate Student, M.A (PISM), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Redressal of Violations under CEDAW: Limits and Possibilities- by **Ram Dulari Patel**, Research Scholar, HRSP, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

- Children in Armed Conflict: Revisiting the UN CRC in a Changing World Order- by **Kritika Kaushik**, Ph.D. Scholar, HRSP, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Seeking Justice for Wartime Sexual violence under the CEDAW Framework - by **Aayushi Yadav**, Postgraduate Student, M.A (PISM), SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Indo-Nepal Border and Child Rights: A Study on Cross Border Child Trafficking- by **Snegapriya V S**, 4th Year Student of Law, VIT School of Law, Vellore Institute of Technology.

Remarks by Chair

Q&A

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