

## **NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN SAARC REGION**

In the last decade with the Globalisation dialogue there has been rising incidence of violation of Human Rights especially in the South and South East Asia. Attempt at homogenisation and installation of uncultural nations have expressly and indirectly hit hard at the globalization dialogue. It suddenly appears that the world is in a state of unpreparedness to deal with the sudden break of Human Right violation in the name of Self determination. Despite national and international mechanism and commitment of nations notwithstanding, the crisis is doubled due to lack of monitoring, regulation and control.

In the above perspective it becomes imperative that special care be taken towards Human Rights education and for sensitization regarding issues relating to Human Rights violation. Such education is also important to handle the outfall of so called structural adjustment. Human Rights education will help to reduce the gap between the haves and have nots.

### **SUB THEMES:**

15th November (Saturday):

1. Human Rights Education: Legal Framework and Judicial Activism in SAARC Region.

16th November (Sunday):

2. Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups in SAARC Region: Issues of Implementation, Monitoring and Regulating.

17th November (Monday):

3. Human Rights Advocacy in SAARC Region: Models, Methodology and innovations.

### **DEPARTMENT OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

The Department of Law is prominently situated on National Highway 31 between Bagdogra and Siliguri in the District of Darjeeling, West Bengal. The distance from Bagdogra is six kilometers and from Siliguri is seven kilometers. The Department has its own campus in the south Block of the North Bengal University. The sprawling campus of the University enjoys the pristine beauty of the eastern Himalayas and is the intellectual hub of North Bengal. Siliguri is an important sub-division of the district and commercial capital of North Bengal. Located at the foot hills of eastern Himalayas, Siliguri is the gate way to North eastern India and land locked countries like Bhutan and Nepal. It shares a huge and porous international border with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. It is well connected with all metropolis and major cities by air and rail.

The Department of Law was formerly known as the University College of Law and was established as such in the year 1974. It was upgraded as the Department of Law in the year 2000. Presently the Department offers a B.A. LL.B. [Honours] 5 year integrated course, LL.M. course and Ph.D. The intake at the LL.B. level is eighty, and the LL.M. course which was started in 1993 has twenty five seats. The criteria of admission both at LL.B. and LL.M. is on merit. The Department has a rich Ph.D. programme. It was started in 1999 and since then more than 26 Ph.D. degrees have been awarded. Presently there are about 26 scholars engaged in doctoral research under various faculty members under UGC Regulation, 2009. The Department attracts scholars and students from all over India and especially from Sikkim, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha. It also attracts students from Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The Department was jointly selected by the British Council, Delhi, University of Warwick, U.K., and the National Law School of India University to carry out the 'Human Rights Outreach Project'. It was also a partner institution with CEERA, National Law School of India University for carrying out environment education for forest personnel, Tea Garden personnel and judicial officers.

The Department has published few books on various law subjects and Booklets on Human Rights, Environment Legislations in Bengali and Nepali. Apart from these, faculty members individually and/or jointly published 18 Internationally acclaimed law books and more than 100 research papers. The Department regularly publishes a peer reviewed referred Law Journal bi-annually (Indian Journal of Law and Justice; ISSN 0976-3570). Faculty Members also act as Chief Editor/Editors/Members of the Advisory Boards of number of Peer Review referred Journal having ISSN. It has a Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with the State Legal Services Authority. It runs a very successful NSS programme. Last but not the least, the department has been organising Regional, National and International Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Symposium etc. on regular interval (20 programmes in last 12 years). Department also undertake number of Research Project on regular basis. Moreover it has close collaboration with renowned National and International Institutions (UK, France, USA, Israel).

### **Registration Fee:**

Registration fee is payable by each of the authors of the papers individually and separately in cash on arrival at the place of the seminar before inauguration.

i) Teachers/ academics/ Govt. officials/ advocates/ NGOs/ INGOs officials from India: Rs. 1200 and Rs. 1800 for each accompanying person (Teachers/ Officials from the University of North Bengal are exempted to pay any registration fee).

ii) Research scholars and post graduate students from India: Rs. 800 and Rs. 1200 for each accompanying person (Research Scholars and LL. M. students of University of North Bengal are exempted to pay any registration fee).

iii) Teachers/ academics/ Govt. officials/ advocates/ NGOs/ INGOs officials from outside India: Rs. 4000 (US \$ 65) and Rs. 5000 (US \$ 75) for each accompanying person.

iv) Research scholars and students, both LL. B. and LL. M. from outside India: Rs. 1500 (US \$ 25) and Rs. 2200 (US \$ 35) for each accompanying person.

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15-17 NOVEMBER (SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY), 2014



Organized by

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## Key Dates:

Submission of abstract: 20th September, 2014;  
Communication of acceptance of abstract: 22th September, 2014;  
Submission of full paper: 30th October, 2014;  
Seminar: 15-17 November (Saturday, Sunday & Monday), 2014.

## Organising Committee:

Dr. Rathin Bandyopadhyay [Head of the Department & Seminar Chairman]  
Professor (Dr.) Gangotri Chakraborty [Seminar Director]  
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## Climate:

In the concerned period of November, it will be cold weather at Siliguri, the temperature varying between 12°C and 20°C. The delegates are therefore requested to bring woolen garments.

## How to Reach:

**By Bus:** NBSTC, SBSTC, WB Surface Transport corp., private buses are available from Kolkata, all towns of North Bengal Region and district headquarters of West Bengal, Patna, Gauhati, Dhaka, Thimpu, Kathmandu to Siliguri (Tenzing Norgy Bus Terminus). **By Train:** Nearest Major Railway Stations are New Jalpaiguri and Siliguri Jn. Trains are available from all over India. From New Jalpaiguri and Siliguri Jn. Railway Stations, North Bengal University (Shivmandir) is 10 km (approx). **By Air:** Nearest Airport is Bagdogra Airport. From Airport, University is 3 km. Direct flights are available from Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Gauhati, Patna, Paro (Thimpu) Bangkok etc. Air India, Jet Airways, Spice Jet, Go Air, Indigo, Druk Air are operating in Bagdogra.

## Call for Papers:

Papers on various sub-themes, along with an abstract of not more than 200 words are invited which may kindly be sent in advance to any of the members of the organizing committee. Papers, if selected, will feature in Indian Journal of Law and Justice [IJL]; ISSN 0976-3570], a peer reviewed refereed journal brought out by the Department of Law, University of North Bengal.

## Note:

Due to paucity of funds we are unable to provide travel expenses to the delegates. The delegates may like to seek travel expenses from their respective universities/institutions. However it will be our pleasure to arrange their stay, food and local hospitality. It may also be noted that accommodation shall be in lodges or guest house arranged by the organizers. If luxury class hotel is required, it shall be at the delegate's own expenses and must be intimated in advance. As the availability of accommodation is limited hence it will be allotted on first come first serve basis and lady delegates first preference.