

# One Day National Seminar

On

## Human Rights Education

Organized by

*Department of Laws*

*Himachal Pradesh University, Summerhill, Shimla-171005*



on

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Human Rights Education (HRE) has evolved as a recognised discipline of Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Convention on Rights of Child, Cairo Declaration on Human Rights, Vienna Declaration and Program of Action 1993 and UN Decade for Human Rights Education which established the 'World Program for Human Rights Education'. Human Rights Education is an integral part of the Right to Education. Knowledge of rights and freedoms is considered as fundamental tool to guarantee respect for the rights of all others. Quality education based on a human rights approach encompasses values such as peace, non-discrimination, equality, justice, non-violence, tolerance, democracy and modernity together with respect for cultural and religious diversity. It is the individual, social and collective responsibility of all, irrespective of their religion, culture and faith, to protect the rights of others, irrespective of one's caste, colour, sex or social position.

It is undisputed fact that human rights norms and principles promote mutual respect for diversity, enhances tolerance and provides a basis for people-centered human, social, cultural and economic development of diverse societies. It is important to manage diversity for creating an environment conducive for resolving conflicts among people and nations as well as peace-building and peace sustaining. Economic integration and advancement in communication has brought the world closer in which human rights are increasingly recognized as a unifying moral force. Common universal value system devoted to protect human dignity and development of human personality, enables all persons to participate effectively in a free society, promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial, ethnic or religious groups and to further the maintenance of peace". Human

Rights Education, in accordance with the principles of the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of human rights, is essential for the promotion of universal respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

HRE can effectively combat the existing ills of extremism, terrorism and violence based on race and in the name of religion as well as promotes multicultural, tolerant and progressive societies. It fosters learning environments which encourage full development of human personality, mutual respect and learning to live together with appreciation of cultural diversity. HRE enhances promotion of human rights, fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law and accountability. It addresses the issues of gender equality and equity, cultural diversity, interfaith dialogue, prevention of violence, and elimination of stereotypes. Active and responsible citizens need support and information through HRE to make informed moral choices and take principled positions on all issues, and uphold human dignity. Intrinsic strength of religion in promoting tolerance, respect for others and good moral behaviour needs to be highlighted and linked to human rights values. Religious institutions may be brought into the mainstream educational fold through formal linkages with the relevant departments/institutions of religious affairs and education. Universally recognized human rights values, culture of peace, democratic citizenship can achieve sustainable development.

This seminar is structured to further focus on Human Rights Education and its impact on law making, law enforcement and interpretation of law. It is providing a solid platform to discuss the issues to mainstream the concept of human rights in the works of the government. In addition to comprehensive presentations to be made by the Experts and Panelists, participants of the Seminar will carry out situational analysis of HRE policies in India and suggest appropriate solutions for various implementation gaps that could help craft long term strategies to meet international human rights obligations while safeguarding their respective religious and cultural particularities.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR**

1. To assess the role of HRE in enhancing the knowledge and understanding of Human Rights and laws.
2. To analyse various ideological, psychological, political and sociological approach in dissemination of HRE.
3. To discuss legal, political and other co-related issues to build universal culture for HRE.
4. To evaluate how HRE is concerned and empowers the victim(s) of abuse and trauma.

#### **SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR**

1. Conceptual Evolution of HRE through various Declarations/Conventions.
2. Role of HRE to respect, protect and promote the Human Rights.
3. HRE and Right to Education.
4. HRE and Religious and Cultural Rights.
5. Impact of HRE on Social, Cultural and Economic developments.
6. Human Rights Education as a tool in managing diversity.

7. HRE as unifying moral force for Uniform Civil Code.
8. HRE and Fundamental Freedoms.
9. HRE and Gender Equality.
10. Dispensation of HRE to effectively combat the existing ills of extremism, terrorism and violence.
11. Responsibility of Government to promote HRE.
12. HRE and National Education Curricula.
13. HRE and Good Governance.
14. Invisible components of HRE.
15. Stakeholders in HRE.
16. HRE as a starting point for Formulation of Holistic and Coherent Laws.
17. Role of HRE in tackling current global challenges.
18. Good HRE practices and innovative tactics to achieve sustainable developmental goals.
20. Indicators of HRE impact.
21. HRE as a promoter of Gender Justice with special reference to women victims (Women prisoners, women labourers in organised and unorganised sectors).
22. HRE and Problems of Refugees.
23. HRE and Professional Ethics.

#### **DEADLINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PAPER**

Participants are requested to submit full paper (4000 words) along with their abstract on or before 04 May, 2018 through email on the id: [seminarhre2018@gmail.com](mailto:seminarhre2018@gmail.com) . The manuscripts will be reviewed by review panel. The decision of the reviewers will be final and binding. The decision of the reviewers on the acceptability of the paper will be intimated by 06 May, 2018 through email only. The hard copies may be sent to: Dr. Runa Thakur, Department of Law, Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla, H.P. – 171005. The schedule will be strictly followed. The organizers will not be able to entertain any requests for extension of the deadlines. The details of the Seminar are also available on the Himachal Pradesh University Website: [www.hpuniv.nic.in](http://www.hpuniv.nic.in)

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Submission of Abstract and paper: 04<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

**Confirmation of Acceptance of the Paper: 06<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

**Submission of Final Paper for Circulation: 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

#### **FORMAT**

Abstract of paper should be within 250 words and submitted by person/ postal/e-mail in both hard and soft copy. Paper and abstract should be typed in A4 size paper, font Size 12, font type “New Times Roman”, 1.5 spacing in MS word and ILI Rules for footnoting. Please don't forget to mention your Name, Designation, e-mail, Institution/ Department and contact number(s).

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#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Limited modest accommodation is available for out-station delegates attending the seminar. Therefore, while we will try our best to accommodate all the delegates, we cannot guarantee accommodation. However, faculty House Accommodation can be arranged on request made well in time and will have to be paid for separately by the delegate.

#### **LOCAL HOSPITALITY**

Lunch and refreshments (snacks and tea/coffee) during the one day of the seminar will be provided by the organizers. The delegates are expected to take care of any additional expenditure incurred by them.

#### **CLIMATE IN SHIMLA**

During May, it is generally pleasant in Shimla. However, if it rains, it will be cooler and may require warm clothes. So delegates are advised to bring warm clothes with them.

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i) Advance registration may be done by sending a draft in favour of **Dr. Runa Mehta Thakur** along with the filled in form for advance registration payable at **SBI Summer Hill Shimla-5**

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ii) Registration may be done by paying cash at Registration counter on May 11, 2018

Faculty Members/Advocates/others: Rs. **1000**

Research Scholars/Students : Rs. **500**

Last date for Registration: May 11, 2018

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