



**TWO DAYS E- INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  
ON  
DISABILITY RIGHTS AND LAW AND LAW  
RELATING TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

**DATE: 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024**

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**Centre for Studies related to Persons with Disabilities Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla:**

The human being is diverse. The proposition is well established and recognized through the development of civilization. It is this diversity which is appreciated by philosophers from the classical to the post-modern era. The same is further acknowledged and admired through the constitutional objectives of transformative constitutionalism. It highlights the principle of equality, autonomy and dignity. The proposition may be substantiated by the Immanuel Levinas concept of 'One and other as Same. The idea is to see Identity from the pluralistic human perspective, which accommodates and respects all diversity within the human species. The idea is to see the epistemic self from an existentialist point of view. The proposition can further be substantiated by our Vedic literature, which aims at questioning the self until it becomes a selfless self. But on the other hand, there exists a huge gap between wisdom (theory) and materialistic execution (practice). It is primarily because of the construed stereotypes and semantics resulting in binary narratives. In this context, people with disabilities witness discrimination, where people from constructed minority bodies experience different treatment. Despite laws and policies, there is a continuous violation of the right to self-determination, recognition and dignity. This results in the otherization of diverse identities. The proposition can be well substantiated by the works of various human rights philosophers, scholars and activists. The said discrimination was further unearthed during the COVID pandemic, where people with disabilities suffered discrimination while exercising their right to health and dignified treatment. This indicates the vulnerability of the community. The trend of such discrimination is also common among the indigenous



population. Moreover, because of harsh geographical locations, lack of education and awareness indigenous people including people with disabilities are denied access to fundamental rights including healthcare. This was the reason that the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and World Health Organization (WHO) has issued directives and showed their concern towards people with diversity. There is a need to study disabilities and people with cultural diversities in light of health and welfare laws, with specific emphasis on healthcare facilities including mental health.

As we know 'Nothing about us without us', is the basic mantra of deliberation in disability jurisprudence. The mantra is equally applicable to people with indignity. It is about raising the first-person voices and sharing personal experiences. The Centre for Studies related to persons with disabilities (CSD) at Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla will serve as one such platform, which aims at bringing the first person voices along with people from academia, research-activism, government departments, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. The Centre for Studies related to persons with disabilities (CSD) will be one of the research cum activism Centre of its kind in the region, where emphasis will be given to connect and address the welfare and healthcare concerns of people with diversities and related concerns, which includes healthcare, education, employment, social and cultural life and access to justice etc. Through research and deliberation, this Centre will try to create a narrative, which focuses on the issues of healthcare, privacy, dignity, autonomy, right to self-determination, right to social, economic, political and cultural preservation of people with disabilities. Further, it is also submitted that because of harsh geographical conditions, access in terms of awareness,



sensitization, and rights perspectives is challenging. Therefore, the Centre will aim at providing the environment for action-research, whereby different stakeholders including community and government institutions are trained to uplift the basic fundamental rights of stakeholders. This Centre will serve as a role model for taking dialogue into practice. While bridging the gap, the Centre will try to set a standard for right to ‘act’ in terms of the modern-day ‘rights’ jurisprudence, as developed under Disability-diversities studies & health justice discourse.

### **Concept Note:**

The International Seminar on “Disability Rights and Law and Law Relating to Women and Children” is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 Online. The International Seminar on Disability Rights and Law and Law Relating to Women and Children is being organized by Law Mantra Trust and Centre for Studies related to Persons with Disabilities Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.

The great German Philosopher Immanuel Kant has quoted that human beings are rational beings, therefore worthy of dignity and respect. Every individual has the basic right to live a dignified life and to exercise his freedoms and choices. The same phrase is equally applicable to persons with disabilities. But despite of this fact, persons with disabilities are subjected to discrimination. The one major factor of such discrimination is stigmatized societal attitude. A mechanism of social integration of persons with disabilities has been made by following different international conventions and documents. Now world has joined to consider disability jurisprudence



as an inseparable part of the international law. Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are few important documents justifying the aforementioned proposition. In a recent report of WHO, an estimated 10% of the world's population –approximately 650 million people, of which 200 million are children, experiences some form of disability. The number of people with disabilities is growing as a result of different factors including population growth, ageing and medical advances that preserve and prolong life. Across the world, people with disabilities have poorer health outcomes, lower education achievements, less economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities. This is partly because people with disabilities are facing barriers in accessing services that many of us have long taken for granted. These services mainly include health, education, employment, transport and information. These difficulties are exacerbated in less advantaged communities. To achieve the long-lasting, vastly better development prospects that also lie at the heart of the 2015 Millennium Development Goals and beyond, we must empower people living with disabilities and remove the barriers which prevent them participating in their communities; getting a quality education, finding decent work, and having their voices heard. People with disabilities report seeking more health care than people without disabilities and have greater unmet needs. For example a recent survey of people with serious mental illness showed that between 35% and 50% of people in developed countries and between 76% and 85% in developing countries received no treatment in the year prior to study. Health promotion and prevention activities seldom target people with disabilities. For example women with disabilities receives less screening for breast and cervical cancer than women without disabilities.



People with intellectual disabilities are less likely to have their weight checked. Adolescents and adults with disabilities are more likely to be excluded from sex education programs. These factors from world report on disability by World Health Organization clearly indicates that there is need to work at the ground level so that persons with disabilities can enjoy their human rights without any difference from others. The present seminar is aiming at highlighting different issues underlining disability jurisprudence from human rights perspective. We welcome different stakeholders including persons with disabilities, disability law activists, academicians, researchers, lawyers, medical professionals and bureaucrats. This seminar is a noble initiation of Law Mantra in association with Centre for Studies related to Persons with Disabilities Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla. We are considering this seminar as a platform to initiate a RIGHT discourse, expecting thought provoking, multidisciplinary, quality research papers.

## **Objective**

### **Themes for Seminar:**

- Social Integration and Challenges
- Human Rights of women, children & sex workers
- Discrimination and Human Rights violation
- The role of National Human Right Commission in promotion and protection of Human Right
- Human Rights of Indigenous people
- Mob Lynching and Vigilantism
- Conflict between IPR/Business Law and Human Rights





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- Disability as a Social Impairment
- Social Model of Disabilities and Human Rights
- Disability and Human Rights: Legal Framework
- International Humanitarian Law and Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Healthcare and Disability
- Medical Professionals and Interaction with Persons with Disabilities
- Reproductive Rights of Women with Disabilities: International Human Rights Perspective
- Right to Education and Persons with Disabilities
- Right to Employment and Disability
- Healthcare and Treatment of Persons with Disabilities: A Issue of Consent
- Healthcare and Privacy Issues related to Persons with Disabilities
- Comparative study on Disability Laws and Policies
- Indian Laws and UNCRPD: Future of Disability Laws
- A Child Protection Laws in India;
- Specific issues with regard to the protection of children in India;
- Protection of Children: International Laws framework. Sexual Harassment at Work Place;
- Women empowerment and domestic violence

Note: These Themes are not exhaustive; Authors are open to working on any topic related to the above-mentioned theme.

#### **Procedure for Submission of Abstracts:**

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- The title of the paper should be followed by Name, Designation, Name of the Organization / University / Institution, and Email address. It is mandatory to mention the Email address, as all future correspondence will be through it;
- Name and details of Co-author, if any;
- Chapter: The chapter should be in Times New Roman 12-point font and double-spaced. Main Title should be in full capitals, bold, and centered 12-point font. Sub-titles should be in sentence case, bold, and in 12-point font. Author's names should be in small capitals and centered 12-point font. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman 12-point font;
- Citation Format: Please use footnotes rather than endnotes. Footnotes should conform to The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi Style;
- Submission of the abstract: A cover letter with the name(s) of the author(s) and address, designation, institution/affiliation, the title of the manuscript, and contact information (email, phone, etc.) is compulsory to submit. All submissions must contain an abstract of not more than 300 words with 5 Minimum Keywords;
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- The paper should be typed in MS WORD format (preferably 2007 or 2010);
- The paper must be in a single column laid out with margins justified on both sides;
- The length of the paper should not be below 4,000 words (including footnotes) and Should not Exceed more than 10,000 (Including Footnotes).
- A Registration Fee for Student is Rs 1000 and Faculty/Professional/Research Scholar/Other is Rs 1500 . Both Author and Co -Author have to register individually.

### **Publication Opportunity**

- Selected will be published in the book bearing ISBN, International Journal of Legal Research and Governance (Print Journal) bearing ISSN, and Law Mantra Journal. (If selected for Publication in Book bearing ISBN, Contributor has to Contact the Publisher and will have to pay charge if anyone wishes to procure a Hard Copy of the Book as per the bill raised by Publisher).

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Submission of Abstract	5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
Confirmation of Abstract Selection	7 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
Registration	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
Submission of Draft Paper	17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024



Seminar Date	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
Submission of Final Paper	20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024
Publication of Selected Paper	By December 2024

### **Who Should Attend?**

Students, Research Scholars/Faculties/Academicians, Corporate Delegates, Business entities, Lawyers.

### **Rules for the Presentation:**

- No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission respectively;
- Participants/Paper Presenters have to register after the acceptance of the abstract with payment of required fees;
- For participation, registration is mandatory on confirmation of the participation. Only registered participants will be allowed to take part in Conference;
- All the registered participants will be provided a participation certificate;
- Event will be hosted through Zoom/Cisco-Webex or any other Online Platform.;
- Technical Sessions will be organized through Google Meet/ Zoom/Cisco-Webex or any other Online Platform.

### **Organizing Committee**

1. **Dr. Sachin Sharma, Associate Professor of Law and Coordinator, Centre for Studies Related to Persons with Disabilities Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.(Convener)**
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