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**International Conference**

**On**

**“Social and Political Institutions, Human Rights and Global Justice: Perspectives from India and**

**Europe**

**October 9-10, 2023**

**Day - 1: 9 October, 2023 - Inaugural Session at 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

**Venue - I 2 Moot Court**

**Rapporteur - Ms Guneeta Kaur Gill**

The International Conference on “Social and Political Institutions, Human Rights and Global Justice: Perspectives from India and Europe” was organised in collaboration. The Conveners for the Conference, Prof (Dr) Shruti Singh, along with Prof (Dr) Bhup Singh Gaur and Dr Sheetal Sharma, were there to welcome the Guests for the Conference. The Conference began with an opening speech by Dr Sanjana Sharma Marwaha, the Organising Secretary. She warmly welcomed all the dignitaries, speakers, and participants to the Conference. Following this, Ms Anjali Bose performed a musical rendition of the Saraswati Vandana, and the Lamp lighting ceremony occurred. Prof (Dr) Nirupama Prakash, Director and Head of the Amity Institute of Social Sciences at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, felicitated the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor and the other dignitaries. Prof. Prakash warmly welcomed all the esteemed dignitaries, speakers, and participants to the International Conference. She reiterated the purpose and objectives of the Conference, emphasising the significance of human rights and global justice. Professor Bhup Singh Gaur warmly welcomed the dignitaries, speakers and participants and spoke about the Conference’s theme and relevance to the current geopolitical situation and the increasing authoritarianism. Dr Sheetal Sharma discussed the differences and similarities between India and Europe regarding the Conference’s themes. She

focused on the universal values of civilisation, such as freedom, equality, and justice. Prof. (Dr) Maitrayee Chaudhuri emphasised the importance of context in sociology, particularly concerning the Conference's themes. The idea of human rights is universal and asserts that all people are born equal. However, equality does not necessarily mean that everyone has equal opportunities. One's circumstances can alter their chances. Prof. (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, warmly welcomed all the dignitaries and participants, emphasising the importance of organising such conferences in the face of rapid communication and development. She spoke about globalisation and its impact on geopolitics. Prof Shukla commended the organisers and highlighted the mutually beneficial relationships and networks that can be forged through such events. Prof. Anand Kumar emphasised human rights challenges in the 21st century and discussed its historical roots. Prof Kumar stressed that power structures play a significant role in facilitating or obstructing human rights, and the intersectionality of human rights frameworks is essential to consider. Prof (Dr) Shruti Singh, the Convener of the Conference, gave a Vote of Thanks to all the Dignitaries on the Dais.

**Day - 1: 9 October, 2023 – Technical Session 1 at 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 pm**

**Venue – F 3 Seminar Hall**

**Theme: - SDGs + Public and Community Health**

**Session Chair - Prof. Durgesh Tripathi, University of Delhi**

**Co-Chair – Dr Binoy Jyoti Das, ISA TG 03**

**Moderator – Dr Suyasha Singh Isser**

**Rapporteur - Ms Guneeta Kaur Gill**

During the presentations, several speakers addressed critical issues. Dr Rewa Singh talked about the unique demographic implications faced by India, while Dr Swati Bijawat presented public laws and policies that promote public health. Dr Suraj Das highlighted the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities and the importance of incorporating indigenous knowledge. Dr. Ketaki Dwivedi discussed the challenges that have emerged due to GM crops, and Dr Shalini Gupta emphasized the importance of environmental education. Dr Manjula Raghav discussed the significant challenges and gaps in achieving Sustainable Development Goals, while Dr Jasleen Kewlani believes that menstrual hygiene should be included in the SDGs. Finally, Ms. Kavita emphasized that access to clean and safe menstrual hygiene management facilities, as well as affordable and sustainable menstrual products, is a fundamental right that affects women's dignity and equality.

Seven papers were presented in the session, with the presenters ranging from Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh; University of Delhi; Nirma University, Gujarat; and Rajiv Gandhi University of Law, Patiala.

**Day-1: 9 October, 2023- Technical Session-2 (Parallel Session) at 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 pm**

**Venue – F 3 MDP Hall**

**Theme: - SDGs + Public and Community Health**

**Chair – Dr Rajni Bala, Convener, RC – 10, I.S.S.**

**Co- Chair – Dr Nupur Patnaik, Odisha University**

**Moderator – Dr Aastha Mishra**

**Rapporteur – Ms Anjali Bose**

During the presentation by Mr Ramesh Chandra Yadav, the focus was on advocating for global perspectives and global citizenship through SDG goals. Dr Smita highlighted the severe repercussions caused by extensive pollution in the Yamuna River due to water pollution. She suggested solutions to the upcoming possible issues by implementing the Wetland Plan, which falls under SDG goal 3. Mr Praphul Yadav talked about the realities of menstrual stigma, which acts as a barrier to academic performance. Ms Shravani Sontake presented the challenges and issues related to global justice. She discussed how we can overcome these challenges by achieving fundamental individual rights, which is also a part of the SDG.

There were four presentations, with the presenters from Shiv Nadar Institute of Eminence, Greater Noida; Meerut College; and Baiswara P.G. College, Lalganj, Raebarelli, Uttar Pradesh.

**Day-1: 9 October, 2023- Technical Session-3 at 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 pm**

**Venue – I-2 Moot Court**

**Theme: - Human Rights Frameworks**

**Session Chair - Prof. Subhash, D.G.C. Gurugram**

**Co-Chair – Dr Monika Gupta, Assistant Professor, Delhi University**

**Moderator – Dr Anna Nath Ganguly**

**Rapporteur - Ms. Serllyn Paul Engtipi**

Dr Anna Nath Ganguly was the coordinator of the event. She introduced Dr Subhash as the chair and Dr Monika Gupta as the co-chair. The first presenter, Ms. Ayushi Dayal, spoke about "Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Human Rights: A Comparative Study of India and Europe." She emphasized the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), as well as the ICCPR and its protocols. Mr Vikash Kumar's presentation was "The Status of Human Rights Education (HRE) in Higher Education in India: A Field View." He discussed the prospects and challenges of teaching human rights as a separate interdisciplinary academic discipline in Indian universities and colleges. Dr Suyasha Singh Isser discussed "Tackling Human Rights Issues in the Domain of Feminist Bioethics." She

discussed the importance of psychiatry and mental health, human rights violations, and the need for doctors to involve families and consider cultural factors that may undermine autonomy. She also emphasized that women facing coercion should practice independence in small steps. Ms Saloni Tomer presented "The Challenges behind the Implementation of Human Rights and Social Justice." She covered major human rights conventions such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Dr Ramandeep Kaur and Riya Sharma spoke on "International Conventions on Human Rights: A Perspective from India." They provided a comprehensive overview of international conventions adopted by India and addressed the goals and advantages of international conventions in ensuring the protection of human rights in India. They also touched on various limitations of Indian society while fulfilling the objectives of international conventions. Dr Aastha Mishra's presentation was "The Philosophical Demandingness of Human Rights." She highlighted the meaning(s) of human dignity and the various ways human rights rest on, give voice to and seek to realize the dignity and worth of the human person. She provided insights from philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, Kant, Kittay, Engster, and others. Ms Sushmita Thakur spoke "Insights into Human Rights Challenges and Opportunities: A Perspective from India." She highlighted various challenges hindering the effective implementation of human rights in India and the measures adopted by the Government to ensure social justice through the protection of human rights. Dr Rewa Singh spoke, "Demographic Consequences in India: A Multidimensional Analysis and Scope for Improvement." She emphasized the potential for improvement in each area and examined successful models from around the world that could be adapted to India's unique context. She proposed a comprehensive strategy that addresses the demographic challenges faced by India.

There were eight presentations, with the presenters ranging from the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh; IIMT College of Law, Greater Noida; and Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh.

**Day - 2: 10 October, 2023 – Technical Session 4 at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 pm**

**Venue – F 3 MDP Room**

**Theme: - Challenges and Opportunities & Best Practices and Lessons Learned**

**Session Chair - Prof (Dr) Pushp Raj Singh, Amity Institute of Social Sciences, AUUP, Noida**

**Co-Chair – Dr Jyoti Alahwat, Visiting Fellow, University of Victoria, Canada**

**Moderator – Dr Rahul Bhandare**

**Rapporteur - Ms Anamika Adhikari**

During the talk, Dr Ripudaman Singh discussed one of the most consequential political events in the twenty-first century for Britain - the UK's referendum on EU membership. He described the implications that significantly impacted the relationships between India and Europe, as well as the challenges and

complexities that arose over time. Dr Ritu Sharma emphasized the subject of mental health in her speech. Along with mental health training for teachers and the connection between education and mental health, she focuses on reorienting sustainability in the student-teacher relationship for holistic development with ecological harmony. Ms Lisha Verma highlighted the importance of a local perspective on peace treaties, focusing on the post-World War II era, international peace treaties, notions of global justice, and the difficulties and challenges of resolving regional conflicts.

There were three presentations, with the presenters ranging from the University of Delhi and Amity University, Uttar Pradesh.

**Day 2: 10 October, 2023 – Technical Session 5 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm**

**Venue – F 3 MDP Room**

**Theme: - Media Innovation and Socio-Cultural Dissent**

**Session Chair - Prof. Dr Alok Kumar Meena**

**Co-Chair – Dr Jagsir, G.N.D.U., Amritsar**

**Moderator – Dr Kiran Sudam Agawane**

**Rapporteur - Ms Parul**

During the presentation, Ms Biju Rani Devi highlighted the ongoing macro perspective of Facebook posts and their impact on the conflict and crisis in the Kuki and Meitei communities in Manipur. Dr Anchalesh Kumar highlighted the role of media and how it shapes gender norms, roles, stereotypes, and presentation. He explained various aspects of complex relationships, including the portrayal of gender in advertising, film, television, and social media. Eli Nasrin Farhana highlighted the importance of the silver screen and how video streaming can help address social issues along with entertainment. Dr Sanjana Sharma Marwaha spoke about India's digital landscape and the importance of digital democracy. Mr Viraat Tripathi highlighted how the lack of available data in the digital sector regarding women affects the overall quality of life of women in general and how it contributes to the ongoing patriarchal structure.

There were five presentations, with the presenters ranging from the S.B.S. Government Post Graduate College, Rudrapur, Uttarakhand; and the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.

**Day - 2: 10 October, 2023 – Technical Session 6 (Parallel Session) at 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm**

**Venue – F 3 Seminar Hall**

**Theme: - Media Innovation and Socio- Cultural Dissent**

**Session Chair - Dr Sudha Khokate**

**Co-Chair – Dr Deepak Kumar, HOD, Anthropology and Sociology, Patiala University**

**Moderator – Dr Swati Shastri**

## **Rapporteur – Mr Rajesh Yadav**

During the presentation, Mr Placido Antonio discussed essential concepts related to workplace inclusion and how the corporate environment impacts religious diversity and management. Ms Melissa Remedios provided an overview of the advertising industry and the representation of women within it. Ms Rupali Rupajita Mohanty began her presentation by analysing case studies and critically examining the legal status of homosexuality in India, specifically looking at section 377. She also discussed the lack of coverage of LGBTQ individuals in news media. Harshit Garg spoke about the impact of media and its role as a tool of propaganda and an agent of change. Mr Anurag Roy focused on the differences between world and Hollywood cinema, using the success of the movie "Parasite" as an example of the increasing acceptance of world cinema, including Indian cinema and its cultural aspects. He also discussed the use of films as a tool for propaganda. Finally, Ms Anjali Bose analysed the impact of media on identity and the cultural effects of new media platforms, such as social media, on gender and mentality.

There were six presentations, with the presenters ranging from the University of Florence, Italy; Mumbai University; Berhampur University; and Symbiosis International University, Pune.

**Day - 2: 10 October, 2023 – Technical Session 7 at 2:00p.m. to 3:30 pm**

**Venue –F 3 MDP Rooms**

**Theme: - Social and Political Institutions**

**Session Chair - Dr Deepti Kaushik, Meerut**

**Co-Chair –Dr Bimla, MDU Rohtak**

**Moderator – Dr Rewa Singh**

**Rapporteur – Ms Preksha Dubey**

Ms Anshu Kumari highlighted how gender differences in technology adoption impact milk production in Bihar's dairy industry. Ms Serllyn Paul Engtipi highlighted the social discrimination against transgender people from families and society in her qualitative research. Ms Akansha Tanwar began her presentation by providing background information on introducing manual scavengers. The objective of her study is to know the reason behind the manual scavenger death and try to find out the gaps in government policies.

There were three presentations, with the presenters ranging from the National Institute of Technology of Patna, and Amity University, Noida.

**Day - 2: 10 October 2023 – Technical Session 8 (Symposium) (Parallel Session) at 2 p.m. to 3:30 pm**

**Venue – F 3 Seminar Hall**

**Theme: - Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Socio-political Analysis**

**Session Chair - Prof. Arvind Mahla**

**Co-Chair – Prof. Mahesh Shukla**

**Moderator – Dr Suraj Das**

**Rapporteur – Abhigyan Mahanta**

Dr Uddhab Pyakurel offered profound insights into the intricacies of human rights' evolving nature. He began by addressing the evolution of human rights concerns, emphasizing how these have transitioned from being primarily local to having global significance, propelled by the swift currents of globalization. Dr. Pyakurel underscored the pivotal role of social media in blurring the boundaries between local, national, and international affairs. During the discussion on "Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Socio-Political Analysis," Dr. Namita Gupta provided insightful observations on the evolving nature of human rights. Dr. Gupta noted that while issues like women's rights and the rights of the marginalized have been enduring, there have been noteworthy shifts in societal perspectives and methodologies towards them. Dr Sheetal Sharma, during a comprehensive discussion on the topic "Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Socio-Political Analysis," delved deep into the transformation of socio-political institutions, drawing from experiences in both India and Europe. While her emphasis was on the European context concerning human rights and global justice, she painted a vivid picture of how justice and rights are interrelated and how this relationship gets complicated as societies become more diverse. Prof. (Dr.) Bhup Singh Gaur, during an insightful discussion on "Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Socio-Political Analysis," concentrated on the intricate nuances surrounding women's rights, particularly in the context of empowerment and motherhood. His observations were rooted deeply in the societal expectations and norms that have shaped perceptions about women and their roles. Ms. Priyanka Sachdeva, in her insightful discourse on "Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Socio-Political Analysis," addressed the topic from a unique media perspective. Grounding her arguments in the tenets of ancient texts and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, she reinforced the role of human rights as the bedrock of a genuinely inclusive society. Dr. Binoyjyoti Das highlighted the complexities and pressing concerns of human rights in Northeastern India, mainly focusing on the state of Manipur.

Dr. Arvind Kumar, during his discussion on "Human Rights in the 21st Century: A Socio-Political Analysis," underscored the pivotal role organizations play in championing global justice, peace, and human rights. He noted that as these organizations grapple with urgent issues of human dignity, security, and empowerment, they often encounter criticisms surrounding the clarity of their methodologies, particularly in matters of peace. Prof. (Dr.) B.K. Nagla expressed his appreciation for the seven remarkable presentations that graced the session. He noted the expansive journey the audience had taken, from a global perspective to the specific experiences in both Germany and India. He emphasized the depth with which the challenges in India's Northeast region were highlighted. Furthermore, the intersections of gender, history, and education were intricately and thoughtfully addressed. Prof. Nangla pointed out the underlying theme and fundamental debate of prioritizing either rights or justice, which remained a dominant topic throughout the discussions.

There were seven presenters ranging from the Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Jawaharlal Nehru University; University of Delhi; Indian Sociological Society; and the International Sociological Association.

**Day - 2: 10 October 2023 – Valedictory Session at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Venue – I 2 Moot Court**

**Rapporteur – Ms Serllyn Paul Engtipi**

As the international conference came to a close, Professor Nirupama Prakash, the keynote speaker, warmly welcomed all the esteemed dignitaries, speakers, and participants who had gathered from different parts of the world. The professor took a moment to acknowledge the significance of such conferences, especially for young students aspiring to make a mark in their respective fields. The session continued with a felicitation and memento ceremony, where all the dignitaries, convenor, and Prof. (Dr.) Nirupama Prakash were recognised for their contributions to the conference. Professor (Dr.) Mala Kapur Shankardass, spoke passionately about the importance of human rights and social justice. She emphasized how these two concepts are intrinsically linked and must be upheld to create a fair and equitable society. Dr. Shankardass also pointed out that it is essential for people to be aware of their rights and duties as citizens. She highlighted the significance of the SDS (Social Development Service) in ensuring that social justice is achieved for all members of society. Her powerful words left a lasting impact on everyone present at the conference. Prof. Narendra Kumar delivered an informative speech in which he touched upon the subject of human rights in both India and Europe. He discussed the struggles that Europe has faced in their fight for rights and how India has drawn inspiration from the British in the creation of their Constitution. Prof. (Dr) Shruti Singh gave a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the individuals and organizations that made the conference possible.

**Summary Report of two days**

Total abstracts submitted - 61

Total papers presenters – 44

International paper presenters - 1

Total number of participants over the two days – 150

Best paper award –

1. Dr Ritu Sharma - Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi
2. Serllyn Paul Engtipi – Research Scholar, Amity Institute of Social Sciences, Noida



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