

One Day Training Programme On
HUMAN RIGHTS
Academic Staff College, Amity University Gurugram
Sponsored By
National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi

Date/Day: 03rd March,2022 (Thursday) Time:9:30 HRS - 05:35 HRS

AMITY UNIVERSITY GURUGRAM Academic Staff College
Amity University Haryana, Gurugram

Cordially invites you on
ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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Venue: Amity Zoom Platform

SPEAKERS

Prof. P. B. Sharma
Vice Chancellor, AUH
Past President, Association Of Indian Universities (AIU)
Founder Vice Chancellor DTU & RGTU

Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar
Member, NHRC, New Delhi
Former Chief Justice of J&K High Court

Prof. Paramjit Jaswal,
Vice Chancellor,
SRM University, Sripat

Maj Gen PK Sharma (Retd)
Director & Dean, Faculty of Law
Amity Law School,
Amity University Haryana

Ms. Geeta Luthra
Senior Advocate

Prof. [Dr.] Usha Tandon,
Dean, Faculty of Law, and Head,
Department of Law, University of Delhi

Dr Daisy Alexander,
HOD, School of Law,
CHRIST University, Pune

ORGANISERS

Prof PB Sharma
Vice Chancellor,
Amity University Haryana

Dr Sanjna Vij,
Program Director,
Amity Academic Staff College, AUH
Program Chair /Convener

Dr. Shradhanvita Singh,
Assistant Professor, Coordinator,
Political Science, ASLA, AUH
Co-ordinator

Objective:
The objective of the training programme is to bring awareness and sensitize university students and faculty members on human rights. The training programme will have below four technical sessions aimed at developing an understanding of human rights and its application in the related fields with the help of experts from the field of Human Rights. It also develops an understanding of everyone's common responsibility to make human rights a reality in each community.

- Introduction to Human Rights
- New and Emerging human rights issues
- Human Rights: Basic Values
- Science, Technology and Human Rights

Outcomes:

- * Identify, contextualise human rights issues and perspectives in current scenario.
- * Analyse and develop an understanding of human rights-based initiatives and policies
- * Develops investigative and analytical skills.
- * Apprising participants on various emerging dimensions on human rights(Science and Technology and Human Rights, Human Rights as Basic Values)

"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity."
Mother Teresa

To bring awareness and sensitize University students, Research scholars and Faculty members on Human Rights, Academic Staff College, Amity University Gurugram organised one-day training program on Human Rights sponsored by

National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi on 3rd March 2022. Approximately 250 participants including Students, Research Scholars, Faculty Members and Heads of Institutions, from Amity Universities Gurugram and other various colleges and university in Delhi NCR. Participants were not only from law school but from various departments like mass communication, applied sciences, engineering, architecture, design, liberal arts, languages, fashion and so on. Galaxy of Eminent distinguished dignitaries and speakers were invited for the training program.



As part of the inaugural session, **Dr.Sanjna Vij, Program Director, Amity Academic Staff College, AUH,** gave an introduction on the program and walked through the schedule for the training program. Dr.Sanjna Vij said that Training on human rights not only means understanding the principles of human equality and dignity and the commitment to respect and protect the

rights but using it meaningfully and practically in a positive way in our day-to-day life.



Dr Sanjna Vij, Program Director,AASC while delivering Introductory Remarks during Inaugural Session



Dr Sanjna Vij welcomed the Hon'ble Justice Shree M M Kumar the chief Guest of the programme, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof P B Sharma, AUH, Maj GenP K Sharma, Director and Professor, Amity Law School, AUH. She also welcomed the Esteemed speakers and participants for the day. Dr Sanjana introduced the Vice Chancellor Prof P B Sharma to the audience and invited him to deliver the welcome speech.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof P B Sharma extended his warm welcome to all the distinguished panellists and participants and especially Justice MM Kumar, who was the chief Guest in the program. Prof Sharma exhorted all the participants to highlight the problems and challenges of Human rights issues in the real life. Prof Sharma said that by making sincere efforts we can achieve the goal of human dignity and excellence. He mentioned that all the Heads, Faculty and staff members of AUH are highly conscious of the Human Rights and have maintained gender balance at AUH campus, since the beginning of the University. Prof Sharma added that our forefathers and all our Hindu

philosophers, for millions of years, have emphasized the significance of Human Rights and have made this a part and parcel of our culture and civilization



Hon'ble VC Prof PB Sharma while delivering his Keynote Address during Inaugural Session



Prof Sharma asked the audience to create an urge to make the HR as our cherished objectives. He said that he would not like to live in a country where the air quality is very low. He expressed his gratitude to the Founder of AUH, Dr Ashok Chauhan and the Chancellor, Dr Aseem Chauhan who are committed to the cause of environment, pollution control and have made continuous efforts to make AUH, a green campus. The AUH campus now is a place where there is a lot of greenery, clean drinking water and fresh air. Prof Sharma emphatically mentioned that AUH has been able to keep a dust free environment.

Dr Sanjana thanked the Vice Chancellor for sharing his insightful and valuable thoughts, and then invited Maj Gen P K Sharma to deliver his address, and to share his thoughts on the nuances of Human Rights.

Maj Gen P K Sharma began his speech by quoting Mother Teresa that Human Rights is not a privilege given by the government, rather it's an inseparable part of human life.



Maj Gen Prof PK Sharma while delivering his Address during Inaugural Session



Taking example from the Constitution of India, GenSharma briefly discussed about the different fundamental rights, for example, right to equality, freedom of interpretation of their rights, welfare of the weaker sections etc. General Sharma highlighted the significance of NHRC as an agency to protect the Human rights implemented by the Supreme Court of India. According to Sharma, NHRC has played a major role in protecting and promoting Human Rights in India.

Thereafter **Hon'ble Justice, Shri M M Kumar, the Chief Guest of the Programme was invited to give his inaugural speech.** Shri Justice MM Kumar emphasized that this kind of programme based on Human Rights has

its aim to create awareness and to sensitize people towards the issues and challenges of the Human Rights. Shri Kumar encouraged young people to adopt various means to help the needy people in the society irrespective of their caste, sex and religion. Shri Kumar said that human beings were created by God and Human Rights is based on the real life, and it is our duty to protect its dignity of Human beings. He added that there should be a balance between spiritual and social values. Shri Kumar exhorted students to take projects to find out the places where there is a violation of human rights, and to find out ways and means, to protect Human Rights. He mentioned that human rights were not suspended even during the period of emergency.



Hon'ble Shri Justice MM Kumar while delivering his Inaugural Address



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Shri Justice MM Kumar also highlighted that the Constitution of India has been to protect the human rights of the people. The rights under the Article 22, 23 can never be suspended. There are instances where thousands of prisoners were released from the prisons of Bihar. Students can take projects to help the innocent undertrials to be released from the jail. As per the constitution, the undertrials cannot be kept for a long time in the prison without justice. The system of the grant of bail could also be revised or reformed. Justice Kumar highlighted the need for electronic tagging of the bail system in India. He said

that all the people taken in the police custody must be reported to NHRC within 24 hours. Death in the police custody, quite often, is not reported. This must be reported to the NHRC. He asked students to take such projects to sensitize, and this will enrich their professional life. He recalled his own experience of the time when he was the Justice in J &K High court, and the rain water had entered into the office premises. It was then, he occupied a vacant house and delivered his duty by recalling what he had learned from his revered gurus, it was to perform your duty at any cost. The Hon'ble justice narrated several anecdotes based on his experiences. He exhorted the audience to seek help from their teachers and mentors and sensitize people against the violation of human rights. Justice Kumar concluded his speech by quoting George Bernard Shaw.

Dr Sanjna Vij thanked Hon'ble Justice Shri MM Kumar for delivering such a wonderful and thought provoking inaugural speech. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also expressed his gratitude towards Justice Kumar for sharing such an insightful speech. Thereafter, Admiral K K Pandey, Director HR& AASC, gave his vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

Thereafter the technical session began wherein **Prof. Usha Tandon, Dean and Head, Faculty of Law, Delhi University** was invited to deliver her session. **Dr Usha Tandon gave her speech on the topic "New and Emerging Human Rights Issues"** in which she touched upon the three sub topics : Environmental Human Rights Defenders, Human Rights and the Sustainable Developmental Goals, and Human Rights, Climate Change and Displacement. Dr Tandon began the first technical session by sharing her belief that participants have some basic understandings of the Human Rights. Dr Tandon emphasized on the need of training to sensitize people to create awareness among the people. She touched upon the issues of women rights, civil rights etc. She also talked about group rights and community rights, and clarified that group rights are not community rights. She claimed that more than one hundred countries have accepted the fact that people have a right to healthy environment. She claimed that it is the duty of the state to protect the environment, yet, there is no legislature to protect and promote the environment. Here, the role of the civil society is very important. The individuals and the NGOs are playing significant role in protecting the environment from degradation.



Prof. Usha Tandon while delivering her Session



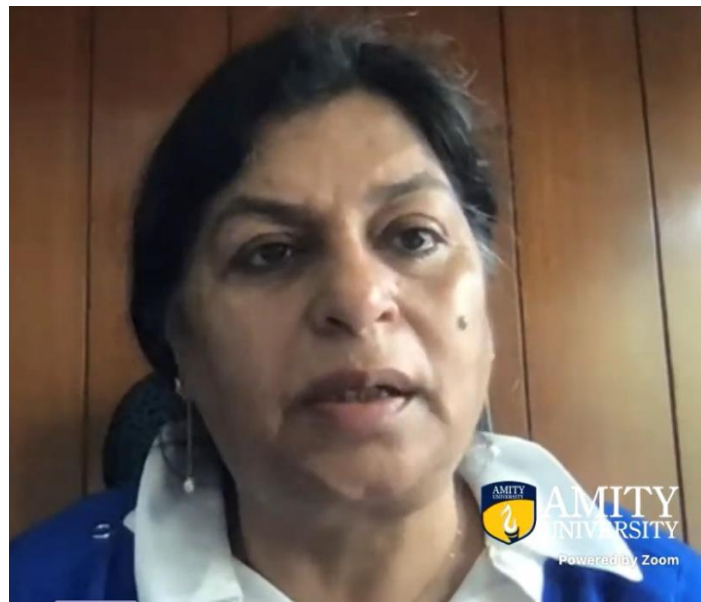
Dr Tandon emphasized on the need of rights to clean air and clean water. She also differentiated between community rights and group rights. She said that the state has its own duty to protect the environment. She emphatically said that the role of the civil right is very important in this context.

Dr Tandon talked about the environment defenders and gave several examples of the role played by these environment defenders in India and abroad. She narrated the stories of these defenders and claimed that they face lots of challenges. They are assaulted, attacked and even killed, and there is no body to provide protection to their life and property. This is an important environment challenge which needs to be taken care of. She also talked about the millennium development goals and sustainable development goals with respect

to Human Rights. Dr Tandon also talked about the climate change and its effect on the environment. She said that climate change leads to displacement and hence, it is Human Rights violation which has enormous implications. Extreme weather condition, heavy rainfall, sea level rising and high temperature are some of the hazards of climate change. Dr Tandon also touched upon the problems of environmental migration and climate refugees.

Dr Sanjana thanked Dr Tandon for bringing new perspective to the Human Rights issues, and then invited Dr Geeta Luthra, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India to deliver her speech on the topic “Introduction to Human Rights.”

In her session, **Ms Geeta Luthra, Senior Advocate delved into constitutional provisions, deprivation of Human Rights and its core issues.** Ms Luthra talked about poverty, overpopulation and illiteracy. Ms Luthra began her speech by recalling her visit to Swami Sivananda’s Ashram in U K, who was in need of some legal aid at that time . When Ms Luthra came back to India, she found that the requirement of legal aid was growing in Delhi and other parts of India. She recalled that she started giving advice and helping the needy people. She narrated various stories based on her own experiences. She told the audience that she started going to Tihar Jail, and started giving advice and help to the people at the grass root level. She found a lot of opportunity to help the financially and socially underprivileged people. She got an opportunity to interact the undertrials who could not speak either English or Hindi, but certainly, she was in need of some legal aid.. She claimed that through legal process we can help the people who are in need of such help. She also mentioned that everybody has a right to life and right to liberty. Even though some one has committed some heinous crime, the person has his right to have an access to legal defence.



Ms Geeta Luthra while delivering her Session



Ms Luthra frequently highlighted the example of Aarushi Talwar Case and Nirbhaya Case and questioned the role of media investigation when the case was still sub judice. She said that as the judges are also human beings, there is every possibility that they may get influenced. She pointed out that in developed countries, there are laws against media investigation, and media reporting during the time when the court trial is in progress. She also explained about the negativity created by the media against the accused where law clearly says that until a person is proven guilty in the court of law, a convict is innocent. Ms Luthra says that there is no law against defamation, and there should be right to protect someone against defamation. The most important thing is to ensure fair trial as it is the core of democracy. She points out that enforcement of law is very poor in India. She also answered the various questions raised by the participants.

Dr Sanjna Vij thanked Ms Usha Luthra for giving deep insight into the problems being faced by the people with respect to the Human Rights.

Next Session on **Human Rights: Basic Values** was delivered by **Dr. Daisy Alexander, HOD, School of Law, CHRIST University, Pune**. Dr. Daisy Alexander began the session by sharing a video with the attendees. The title of this video was 'Path to Dignity: Power of Human Rights Education' and it emphasized upon the deprivation quality education rights of children belonging to backward areas of Kerala especially the female children. She further threw light upon the Human Rights Principle and how human rights are universal, inalienable and indivisible. She stressed upon the fact how education is the highway to the social change. Emphasis was laid upon the miserable plight of the jail inmates and the need of basic human rights for the prisoners. Famines are less likely to occur where citizens are given the chance of putting forth their opinions. Human Rights education is lifelong principle that aims at fostering the rights of individuals. Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma sir also shared the instances from his personal experience where he described the inhuman jail atmosphere and maltreatment of prisoners in the jails of Nagpur and the way prisoners are looked down upon by general mass.



Prof. Daisy Alexander while delivering her Session



Another video on Human Rights was presented to the attendees which showed the gross violations of the rights, and the importance of government advocacy and interaction may cater this issue. Subsequent to this a third video was shared which talked about what are human rights and the history associated with

human rights. She also gave example of Netherlands for Crime Management. She stressed upon the role of research in Human rights and the importance of Legal Aid and Canters of Social Action to improve the existing standards of human rights. As told by her “Pen is mightier than sword” and therefore students must write research papers & jot down the important experiences and concepts pertaining to human rights that are worth sharing with the people. Dr. Daisy addressed the questions like “Whether reservation policy is against the principle of right to equality?” by giving the example of Ukraine-Russia dispute and the political reasons of reservation.

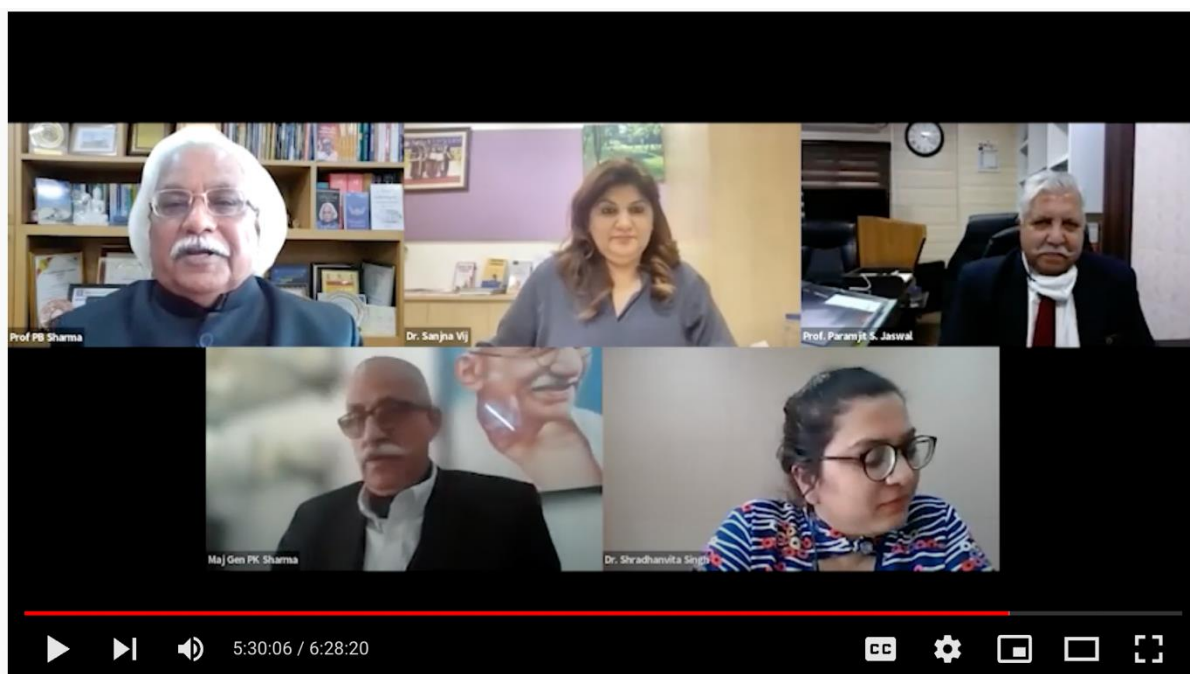
After this an activity was given to the attendees to visit a website and choose three pictures related to human rights and the reason for such choice.

Next session on Science, Technology and Human Rights was delivered by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. PB Sharma, Amity University Haryana

Prof. P.B. Sharma began the session by emphasizing the growing importance of human rights in modern technological era. He further stressed that how science has impacted our society in a detrimental way by creating an economical divide and suppressing of people’s rights. If society performs its duties with full dignity and responsivity then it is then the question of human rights infringement will never arise. Right of good health can be ensured by maintaining a healthy environment. Technology requires responsible human behavior and responsible global citizenship therefore must not fall short of care and caution and hinder somebody’s rights.



Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. PB Sharma while delivering hisSession



He further asserted that “Purpose of science is not just advancement in several spheres but also to protect the people from abuse.” He insisted that we must nurture a world where not just humans but all creatures on the planet earth can lead a quality life and that is what is the true purpose of science. This is a world where all are co-workers in some or the other way and unnecessary suppressing of one by another should be avoided. He also emphasized the importance of Dharma for the protection of human rights and explained that human rights exist since time immemorial.

In global scenario, he explained that every nation must respect human rights and no country can claim to be civilized if human rights are violated. In the health sector he emphasized that building immunity in people is more important than incurring expenditure on fighting diseases by inventing vaccines, medicines etc. He described the whole world as family and every person lives for whole world and in this modern era science and technology has been taken as a means to exploit nature for greediness rather we should be very cautious as our forefathers understood science and technology as a means to conserve and sustain the society maid by the almighty God.

During valedictory session, Report on the sessions & Program Learning Outcome was delivered by Dr Sanjna Vij.

In Valedictory session , **Guest of Honour, Hon’ble Prof. Paramjit Singh Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, SRM University, Haryana** asserted that “Rights alone cannot be spoken about without paying heed to the duties.” There is a need for nations which have some uniformity of respectability of huma rights in all countries. No country can be called as civilized which flunks in the

protection of human rights of its people. He further said that if we dissect the title-UDHR (Universal Declaration of Human Rights) we can know that the concept of Human Rights is universal in nature and are in practice from time immemorial. Following the principle of dharma, our history enables us to live as human beings.



Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Prof. Paramjit Singh Jaswal delivering his address during the Valedictory Session



While referring to the Preamble of UDHR Prof. Paramjit said that it seeks to protect the rights of all belonging to human family irrespective of country, religion, race or gender, which lays the foundation of justice. He referred to several articles of Universal Declaration of Human Rights to elaborate upon the concept of human rights and to lay stress upon its importance. He further said that “Nature of human rights is dynamic like Article 21 of the Indian Constitution which includes plethora of many other rights.” They discussed about Indian society and described it as a multistorey building and the Constitution as the staircase providing fundamental rights, DPSPs and fundamental duties.

He further stressed on the Article 29 of UDHR which contains the rule of Duty towards one's Community. He also talked about the Human Rights Day and how it reminds us of our duties, especially referring the theme of 1948, "All Human Rights are for all" and 2018 theme "Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity". As individuals we must develop the culture of human rights from the home itself as it would act as a stepping stone.

In the last Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr Sanjna Vij Program Director, Amity Academic Staff College, Amity University Haryana
And Feedback was taken by Dr Shradhanvita Singh, Asst, Prof & Co-Ordinator, ASLA, AUH.





Recording Link of the program:

<https://youtu.be/ShUJpdTNfP4>

Press release link:

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Program Schedule:

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MINUTE-TO-MINUTE PROGRAMME

09:30AM-10:10AM	Inaugural Session
9:30AM-9:33AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to the Programme by Dr Sanjna Vij, Program Director, Amity Academic Staff College, Amity University Haryana
9:33AM-9:40AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome & Keynote Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof P B Sharma, Amity University Haryana
9:40AM-9:45AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Address by Maj Gen PK Sharma (Retd), Professor & Director, Amity Law School and Dean Faculty of Law, Amity University Haryana
9:45AM-10:00AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inaugural Address by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri Justice M.M. Kumar,

10:00AM-10:07AM	Member, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, Former Chief Justice of J&K High Court
10:07AM-10:10AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words of Wisdom by Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr Aseem Chauhan, Amity University Haryana (To Be Confirmed) • Vote of Thanks by Rear Admiral KK Pandey, Director HR & Amity Academic Staff College, Amity University Haryana
SESSION I 10:10AM-11:30AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and Emerging human rights issues by Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon, Dean, Faculty of Law, and Head, Department of Law, University of Delhi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental human rights defenders ○ Human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals ○ Human rights, climate change and displacement • Q&A Session
11:30AM-11:45AM	Tea Break
SESSION II 11:45AM-01:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Human Rights by Ms. Geeta Luthra · Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Constitutional provisions ○ Deprivation of Human Rights: the Core Issues: ○ Poverty, overpopulation, illiteracy • Q&A Session
01:15PM-01:45PM	Lunch Break
SESSION III 01:45PM-03:15PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights: Basic Values by Dr Daisy Alexander, HoD, School of Law, CHRIST University, Pune <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rights: inherent, universal, indivisible ○ Values: dignity, liberty, equality, justice, unity in diversity ○ Need for balance between Rights and Duties, Freedom and Responsibility • The Role of Research for the Promotion of Rights And Values In Education • Q&A Session
03:15PM-03:30PM	Tea Break
SESSION IV 03:30PM-5:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, Technology and Human Rights by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. PB Sharma, Amity University Haryana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concept of science and technology as a tool for furtherance of human and social welfare, scientific temper ○ Right to Human Dignity: Some Ethical and Legal Issues ○ Freedom of Information, Thought and Expression • Q&A Session
5.00PM-5.30PM VALEDICTORY SESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valedictory Session • Report on the sessions & Program Learning Outcome • Address by Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Prof. Paramjit Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, SRM University, Sonipat
5:30PM-5:35PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote of Thanks by Dr Sanjna Vij Program Director, Amity Academic Staff College, Amity University Haryana • Feedback- Dr Shradhanvita Singh, Asst, Prof & Co-Ordinator, ASLA, AUH