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#### WHO MAY ATTEND THE SEMINAR

- **Lawyers, Academicians, Government Officials, Officials from NGOs and INGOs from the Eastern and North Eastern States including West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Sikkim and the Seven Sister States**
- **Research Scholars and Students from the Eastern and North Eastern States including West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Sikkim and the Seven Sister States**

#### PARTICULARS OF REGISTRATION

Participants Category	Registration Fee
Teachers/ Academicians/Government Officials/ Advocates/NGOs/INGOs officials	1500/-
Research Scholars and students	1000/-

**NO ACCOMMODATION/TA/DA WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS**

Teachers/Officials from the University of North Bengal are exempted to pay any registration fee  
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## REGIONAL-LEVEL SEMINAR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN INDIA: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Venue: Department of Law, University of North Bengal



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### IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN INDIA: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Economic, social, and cultural rights had carved out a significant place in the Indian Constitution under the Directive Principles of State Policy long before they were recognised by the international community in the form of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 1966 and ratification by India in 1979. In its endeavour to secure these rights for individuals, numerous schemes have been implemented in the domain of education, health and employment. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan targeting universalisation of elementary education, the Mid-day Meal Scheme providing free lunch to children in government primary and upper primary schools, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) easing the accessibility of health services to the individuals in the lower economic strata in the rural regions, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act securing livelihood to people in rural areas by guaranteeing 100 days of employment in a particular financial year to each household are a few instances of such schemes. Besides, the Right to Information Act has also been introduced to establish the accountability of the Government with respect to the enforcement of such measures mandate of the Human Rights Courts. Although these rights have received less attention than civil and political rights, specifically, the State has the obligation to respect, protect, and fulfill economic, social, and cultural rights. The obligation to respect means States cannot interfere with enjoyment of the right. The essence of an empowered civil society with a good quality of life and livelihood lies in emphasising on promotion and protection of socio-economic and cultural rights by the State and the government, thereby giving them priority and internalising the norms. The inclusion of socio-economic and cultural rights in the Indian Constitution was a well-thought exercise by the framers of the Constitution providing that the state takes affirmative action for the realisation of these rights necessary for the enjoyment of the civil and political rights. They were convinced of the fact that the true realization of socio-economic and cultural rights, engraved in the large pool of directive principles, will make social parity and economic prosperity a reality which will ensure every Indian a dignified life. Judicial pronouncements, certainly, have brought the debate of realization of rights to the fore and reminded the stakeholders about importance of socio-economic and cultural rights in discourse of human rights. However, inherent limitation of judicial institution in dealing with realization of socio-economic rights brings need of institutionalising alternative mechanism to undertake enforcement of these rights. In the backdrop of this theme, the Department of Law, University of North Bengal proposes to organise the Regional Level Seminar to obtain a bird's eye view of the current developments, emerging trends and challenges in realising these rights.

#### Sub-themes of the Seminar: -

1. Right to Education
2. Right to Housing and Shelter
3. Victim's Rights
4. Right to Develop Scientific Temper, Humanism and the Spirit of Inquiry

#### SUBMISSIONS - DETAILS AND GUIDELINES:

- Abstracts of not more than 300 words, for original research papers on the above-mentioned themes are invited, submitted as Word documents, with a cover letter containing the name and designation of the author(s).
- There can be a maximum of two Authors only for each Abstract/Paper.
- Authors of shortlisted abstracts shall be required to send their full-length papers who would have the privilege of presenting their papers at this seminar.
- Full-length research papers in the form of articles within 5000 - 7000 words (inclusive of footnotes), should be sent.
- Potential contributors are required to adhere to a uniform mode of citation (19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Bluebook mode of Citation)
- **All Abstracts are to be sent by filling the Google Form, the link of which is given below:**  
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*Selected papers may be considered for publication in our journal, Indian Journal of Law and Justice or in the edited volume without incurring any extra cost by the registered paper presenters.*

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- I. Submission abstract- 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
- II. Communication of acceptance of abstract from Organisers' side- 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
- III. Submission of Full Paper- 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
- IV. Communication of acceptance of Full Paper- 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023
- VI. Regional Seminar- 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

#### ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF LAW

The Department of Law is prominently situated on Asian Highway 2 between Bagdogra and Siliguri in the District of Darjeeling. 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 subdivision 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, formerly known as the University College of Law, was established in the year 1974 and 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 B.A. LL.B.[Honours] under CBCS mode and LL.M. under CBCS mode are on merit. The department has a rich Ph.D. programme. It was started in 1999 and since then more than 48 Ph.D. degrees have been awarded. Presently, there are about Seventeen scholars engaged in doctoral research under various faculty members under the UGC Regulation, 2009 and UGC Regulation, 2016. The Department attracts scholars and students from all over India and especially from Sikkim, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa. 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 Booklets in Human Rights, Environment Legislations in Bengali and Nepali. It has a Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with the State Legal Services Authorities. It runs a very successful NSS programme. The recently formed Centre for Child Rights at the behest of the UNICEF in collaboration with the Legal Aid Committee shall also conduct outreach programmes in relation to child rights and child welfare. Last but not the least the Department has been organizing Regional, National and International Seminar / Conference / workshop /Symposium etc. at regular intervals (37 programmes in last 17 years. The Department also undertakes a number of Research Projects sponsored by different National and International bodies on regular basis. Moreover, it has close collaboration with renowned national and international institutions. The Publication Cell has been working immensely to facilitate the publication of the Indian Journal of Law and Justice for