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CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

KERALA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

ORGANISES

NATIONAL WEBINAR ON

HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND VIOLATIONS DURING COVID – 19 PANDEMIC

International Human Rights Law guarantees the right to the highest possible level of healthcare for everyone and, consequently, States are required to take the necessary administrative, legislative, or judicial measures to achieve that goal. Therefore, States must commit to be guarantors of public health and provide health care to all during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, international human rights instruments also recognize that, in the context of serious threats to public health and public emergencies that pose risk to human life, restrictions on some rights may be justified, but only when such restrictions meet certain requirements.

What is the status of human rights protections guaranteed under the laws of the State? Is the States not obligated to protect the interests of its citizens? Although frontline workers are battling the pandemic admirably, we must determine what the government has done to protect their interests. Issues of this type must be examined, debated, and analysed in order to determine if the state is acting responsibly and in accordance with rights guaranteed under Constitution of India.

To study the various aspects on Human Rights Protection and Violations during the COVID – 19 pandemic in India, the Centre for Human Rights of Mar Gregorios College of Law in association with Kerala State Human Rights Commission is organising a National Webinar on 22^{nd} May 2021. Scholars are invited to send abstracts and papers to present their perspectives on the following themes or topics:

THEMES/ TOPICS

- Pandemic induced unemployment: role of State
- Health and Health Sector under pandemic-induced emergency
- Protection of freedom of expression and ensure access to critical information
- Compliance of quarantines, lockdowns, and travel bans with human rights norms
- Protection of people in custody and in institutions
- Right to education in the circumstances of school closure
- Impact of pandemic on women and girls
- Data protection and Right to Healthcare
- Discrimination-free access to healthcare for marginalized populations
- Status of humanitarian aid during Pandemic
- Economic relief to assist low-wage workers including migrant workers
- Role of Civil Society organisations in the pandemic
- Waste management and Sanitisation
- Role of Government in modifying legislations and policies required to sustain and optimise pandemic preparedness.

The above mentioned sub themes are not exhaustive in nature and other related auxiliary sub themes can also be included.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- The abstract should not exceed 300 words and must include keywords. Abstracts received on or before 17th May 2021 shall be published in the seminar proceedings
- The length of the full paper shall be between 5000 to 8000 words(excluding footnotes).
- Selected full papers presented in the webinar shall be published in a book (published by reputed national publisher) by the end of July 2021.
- In case of co-authorship (maximum two), each author will have to register separately by paying the registration fee. The certificate will be given only to registered author.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- Abstracts in Times New Roman font, with size 12 pt and line spacing 1, with key words at the end of abstract in italics.
- All submissions must follow the Bluebook (20th Edition) style of citation; non-conformity will be a ground for rejection.
- Submissions must be in Times New Roman font, with size 12 pt and line spacing 1.5.
- All footnotes must be in Times New Roman font, with size 10 pt and line spacing 1.
- Title of the Paper- Times New Roman Font, size14 pt.
- The authors name should be mentioned on the Right side of title in Times New Roman Font, 12 pt size. All other details like designation, institution details, E-mail address and phone numbers etc., should be given as foot note.
- Submissions must be made in .doc/.docx formats only.

All the abstract shall be mailed to training@mgcl.ac.in

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	:	22 ND MAY 2021 SATURDAY
9.30 am to 10.30 am	:	Inaugural Session
10.30 am to 11.00 am	:	Break
11.00 am to 1.00 pm	:	Key note sessions
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	:	Lunch Break
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	:	Paper Presentation Sessions
5.00 pm to 5.30 pm	:	Concluding Session

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