



REFRESHER COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ID)

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Organized by UGC-Academic Staff College and Department of Social Work,
Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (C.G.) 495 009

Introduction:

The human rights movement represents a historical journey that began with the institutionalization of political and social orders. The concept of human rights is dynamic, changing as society evolves. The "first generation" rights call on governments not to interfere with the exercise of civil and political rights and individual liberties. "Second generation" rights place a duty on governments to guarantee economic, social, and cultural rights. "Third generation" rights include the right to self-determination of peoples rather than individuals, to sovereignty over their country's natural wealth, and to development and special protection of disadvantaged groups.

The Indian education system has only recently begun to promote human rights. The reason is that the teaching and learning of human rights in India in the 1960s and early 1970s were linked to the international ethos.

Human rights studies in India became more important as increasing violations of human rights, cases of custodial violence, mass detentions without trial, bonded and child labour, and environmental degradation and the like were brought to the public's attention by NGOs, the media, and public interest litigators. The work of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) became more high-profile, contributing to this new ethos. There is growing need for improving the knowledge base of teachers of social sciences in colleges/University to impart quality education. In this regard, UGC, New Delhi has approved a Refresher Course to Academic Staff College, GGV, Bilaspur for organizing such auspicious and relevant training programme.

Objectives:

The objectives of the programme are outlined below:

- To familiarize the idea of human rights and its concept.

- To explore the national and international human rights instruments and its working procedures.
- To describe cases of major human rights violations and respective interventions
- To cooperate to avoid compromising on human rights for economic or political expediency.

Modules of Course:

The course will be organized under three modules-

1.1 Introduction to Human Rights

Human Rights, Introduction, Definition, Historical Background, Bases and Sources, Idea and Ethos; The UN and its Charter, International Bill of Human Rights, Perspectives on Human Rights and Human Duties, Individual and Human Rights, State Responsibility in International Law, Indian Perspectives on Human Rights, UN Perceptions, Emerging Dimensions in Human Rights, Future Trends for the Third Millennium.

1.2 Principles and Theories of Human Rights

Evolution of the Concepts, Theories and Principles, Internationalisation of Human Rights, Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights, Modern Theories of International Human Rights, Political Philosophy, Paradigms of Legal Philosophy, Legal Realism and Critical Theory.

1.3. Culture, Wisdom, Religion, and Human Rights

Human Rights and Cultural Relativism, Religion and Human Rights, Theological Perspectives, Impacts of the New World Order, UN and the Challenge of Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, Global Pluralism and Diversity, Holistic Humanism, Indian Traditions and

Western Imagination; Ecological Wisdom and Human Rights.

About Academic Staff College (ASC):

UGC-Academic Staff College (ASC) was established on the lush green campus of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University) during 2009. ASC is organising various kinds of training programmes to enhance the professional skills and knowledge of teaching and non-teaching staff. The ASC has the state of the art ICT Laboratory equipped with high speed internet & video conferencing facilities. The facilities of Central Library of Vishwavidyalaya, equipped with more than 1 lakh books and journals, Science Direct and INFLIB NET, have been extended to ASC, which make possible an easy access to books, journals and e-resources. The ASC has developed strong linkages with reputed national and international institutes and invites eminent academicians and researchers as resource persons as per the needs of the training programmes. The highly motivated faculty, eminent resource persons, state of the art facilities and excellent logistics are the strengths of ASC and key to the successful organisation of many quality programmes.

About Department of Social Work:

The Department was established in the year 1998 with an aim to produce trained social workers to cater to the needs of community development and human resource management. It offers a Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programmes. The Department conducts multifarious activities for the exposure of the students to the real life and field situations.

Students of the Department make visits to various NGOs and welfare agencies. They interact with the inmates and officials and community people. Department organizes several rural camps in the nearby villages to arouse awareness amongst the rural masses regarding prevailing social problems (like evil effects of alcoholism, practice of child labour, dowry, illiteracy, preventive measures of AIDS, myths, taboos, health hazards and drug abuses). Outreach programmes are arranged for community development. Methods of mass communication are effectively employed for this purpose such as plays, speeches, folklore and other cultural activities. Students actively

participate and organize workshops and seminars on the important issues of social relevance.

Eligibility and Application of Participants:

1. The teachers who belong to Social Sciences subjects like Social Work, Sociology, Political Science, Journalism, Education, Psychology, Forensic Science, Economics, Law and other relevant/allied subjects are eligible to apply for the course.
2. University/ College teachers those already attended orientation programme or Refresher Course are eligible to attend a Refresher Course after a minimum gap of one year.
3. Selection will be made as per the guidelines of the UGC-ASC and on first come first serve basis.
4. The last date of receiving application is 5th September 2013.

The candidates need to apply through proper channel in prescribed application format which can be downloaded from university web site: www.ggu.ac.in. A Demand draft (Any Nationalized bank) of Rs. 500/- drawn in favour of Director ASC, GGV, Bilaspur (C.G.) is to be attached along with the application form. Applications without DD will not be considered. **The participants will be paid TA & DA as per the norms of UGC.**

Bilaspur city of Chhattisgarh is well connected by rail and roadways. Regarding any further queries related to the course and other details, please contact the Course Coordinator and Director.

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