

National Seminar  
On  
**Human Rights and Peace Building**

Sponsored by UGC. CRO, Bhopal  
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“Peace can only last where Human Rights are respected where the people are fed and where individual and nations are free.”- **14 Dalai Lama**

Human Rights are those basic inherent fundamental, natural and inalienable rights of human beings which are indispensable for a dignified human life. Peace, better conditions of life and a commitment to the protection of human rights, were seen as a necessary pre - requisite to the creation of a just and stable international order under the auspices of the United Nations. This marked a new beginning for the promotion and protection of human rights which was formerly vested in the nation states, is now a matter of international concern. The objective of the United Nation in its human rights educational effort is to teach “common language of humanity” to people all over the world. Through education the United Nations proposes to build a universal culture of human rights.

With the objective of supporting and promoting awareness of Human Rights and its contribution in peace - building two days national seminar on “Human Rights and Peace Building” had organized by the political science department of Political Science, Sri Sathya Sai College for Women on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 which was sponsored by U.G.C. Bhopal and co-sponsored by EPCO.

**The objective** of the seminar was to ensure the basic human rights are not only respected everywhere but also to promote a culture for the cultivation of human rights and educating the citizen. The seminar also aimed the interdependence of Human Rights and Peace building.

The following were the **sub theme** of the seminar:

- ◆ Business and Human Rights
- ◆ Role of media, IT and human rights
- ◆ Children and human rights
- ◆ Civil, Cultural and Political Rights
- ◆ Democracy and human rights
- ◆ Development(Good Governance and Debt)
- ◆ Disability and Human Rights
- ◆ Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- ◆ Education teaching and training
- ◆ Environment, population and human rights
- ◆ Transitional & administration Justice, legal aid and remedies
- ◆ Sexual orientation and gender identity
- ◆ HIV/AIDS, health, food and human right.

Research Papers and review articles were invited from the academicians, Professional, Research Scholars and Students from various educational institutions across the country. The theme of the seminar received an overwhelming response and 103 full length paper were received which were published in the form of book, "Human Rights and Peace Building" ISBN-978-81-930517-9-5. There were around 198 registrations for seminar including eminent academicians, Professional, Research Scholars and Students from all over the country and 80 participants of various colleges in poster competition.

The Seminar was formally inaugurated on 9.9.16 at 10:00 A.M. Dr.G.S Chauhan, Deputy Secretary, UGC, CRO Bhopal had been kind enough to grace the Inaugural ceremony of the seminar as the chief guest. The seminar was formally inaugurated by lamp lighting and vedochharan followed by the floral welcome of the guests and welcome speech by Principal Dr.Sudha Pathak. Dr.Shriji Seth, H.oD, Political Science, convener of the seminar introduced the theme of the seminar and highlighted the importance of human rights and peace building in the present scenario. Later, keynote address was delivered by Dr.Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, General Secretary and Treasurer, IPSA (Indian Political Science Association). Highlighting the importance of human rights, he emphasized on establishing universal peace. He underlined that it is only peace within which can make peace in the outer world certain. He also discussed inter dependence of human rights and peace building in his address. The chief guest Dr. G. S. Chauhan began his address by congratulating the organizers in choosing 'Human Rights & Peace Building', as the theme of the seminar. He highlighted that such seminar can definitely bring positive changes in the society. He insisted on the responsibility of each and every individual to be aware and vigilant of their rights and contribute wisely in building peace not only in the nation, but worldwide. The chairman, college governing body and honourable trustee, Dr.Meena Pimpalpure, presided over the function and in her address, she encouraged the principal and the organizer for their efforts in organizing such universally discussed issue as the theme of the seminar.

The souvenir containing the abstract of the scholars was released in the ceremony. The book on "Women and domestic violence" authored by Mrs. Neelima Gurjar, advocate and alumnae of the college was also released by the dignitaries. The vote of thanks was delivered by the organizing secretary Dr. Harsha Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor, Political Science.

The two days seminar had five technical sessions and the sessions were divided according to the theme/ subject of the paper received. The first session had women, children, law and human rights as the dominant theme. There were 23 papers scheduled for the session. The session was chaired by senior journalist, Shri. Ram Bhuvan Singh Kushwaha and Dr. Shampa Malhotra, HOD English, coordinated the session. In this session, Dr. Anju Bajpai, Asst. Professor, law and former judge of MP judiciary presented her views on 'Surrogacy law and human rights'. She highlighted that commoditisation of the human body has been drawn into sharp focus in the last few years and another form of trafficking has evoked the same level of attention and outrage of the international community. Mohd. Shafi, research scholar presented his view on "Analytical study of the challenges to the Indian democracy". While presenting the paper, he conveyed that India needs to develop new methods to reform the existing democracy. Dr. Shradha Dubey, Professor, presented paper on 'Human rights and Muslim women'. She conveyed that human right of Muslim women should be lawfully protected. Dr. Charanjeet Kaur, Principal, Sant Hirdaram Girls college, presented her paper entitled

“Women rights at work place in India”. Her paper discussed the importance of legal literacy for the women.

The Second session had Democracy and human rights education as the dominant theme. There were 18 papers scheduled for the session. The session was chaired by Dr.G.V. Pathak, Retired Professor, Political Science and Dr. Jyotsana Galgale, H.oD. Department of Physics coordinated the session. In this session, Dr.Venudhar Routiya, Assistant Professor, C.G. University spoke on a “Critical Review of crime against children in India”. He informed that Maharashtra and M.P. are two states where children are insecure. Ms. Neelima Gurjar, Advocate highlighted that an act against domestic violence has been implemented in 2006. She stressed that to depend one’s self respect, one should protest violence, whether verbal or physical at its beginning. Miss Santoshi Kaithal, Research scholar spoke on “Human Rights and role of Information Technology”. She informed that media and I.T. are playing a significant and active role in developing human rights by creating awareness among people. Mr. Sofi Yasir Hassan highlighted on rules to protect the human rights and Environment. Dr. Parul Saxena informed the congregation that right to health is listed in directive principles and is linked to right to live. She informed that very soon right to health is going to be declared as fundamental rights.

The Third session had “children, health and human rights “as the dominant theme. There were 28 papers scheduled for the session. The session was chaired by Shri Ram Kumar Chaturvedi a renowned Geo scientist of India and Dr. Renu Mishra, H.oD. Department of Botany coordinated the session. In this session, Miss Bansuri Diwakar, P.G. student spoke on education as one of the important measures to prevent child labour. Mrs. Purna Shrivastava, Assistant professor spoke on street children: their rights and challenges.” She highlighted the lack of awareness of human rights among street children. Miss Mohini Thakur, P.G. student spoke on children and human rights in general .Manish Mankar, research scholar, presented a paper on “Viklango Ke Prati Vayavaharik Dristikoun”. He spoke on the negative attitude of the society towards disabled people. Ms.Vandana soni, research scholar, presented a paper on “Paryavaran, Jansankhya Aur Manav Adhikar ek vishleshen”. She spoke on human rights in general and highlighted the relationship between Environment, Population and Human Rights. Miss Pooja Choubey, P.G.student presented a paper on “Manav Adhikaro Ki Sarvabhomic Ghoshna”

The Fourth session had miscellaneous sub-theme of the seminar. There were 18 papers scheduled for the session. The session was chaired by Shri C.K. Sardana, Ex-Professor and H.oD., Makhanlal Chaturvedi University and Dr.Sadhna Anant ,H.oD. Department of Education coordinated the session .In this session, Dr. Seema Pathak, Assistant Professor Presented a paper on “Kanya Bhroon Hatya Evam Manav Adhikar”. Mrs.Geeta Sahu, a student spoke on “Shetriyata : Sananya Tatha Manav Adhikaro Ke Sandarbh Me”. Miss Lakshmi Thakur ,Research Scholar presented a paper on “Vartaman Samay Me Kanya Bhroon Hatya Ki Dasha ,Disha Evam Manva Adhikar”.Dr.Neena Arora,H.O.D. Department of chemistry SSSCW, presented a paper on “Human Right In Prevention Of Health Hazards Caused By Mobile Towers”. Dr.Shradha Dubey, Assistant Professor, presented a paper on “Manav Adhikar Evam Muslim Mahila”. Miss. Monika Rathore, student spoke on Economic, Social and cultural Rights”. Miss Poorvi Chaturvedi, a P.G. student presented the paper on

“Environment and Human Rights”. After the paper presentation, session was concluded by the speech of Chairperson Shri C.K.Sardhan.

The Fifth session had “Environment health and Human Rights” as a dominant theme. There were 13 papers scheduled for the session. The session was chaired by Dr.Sanjeev Sachdeva, Chief Scientific Officer, EPCO, and Dr.Neena Arora, H.oD. Department of Chemistry coordinated the session .In this session, Miss Nimisha Maheshwari, student expressed her views on “Environmental issues, Population and Human Rights” . Dr.Purnima Joshi, Assistant Professor shared information on consumer rights with reference to house hold properties. She said that consumers should know their rights under consumer protection Act 1986.Dr. Asha Agrawal, H.O.D., Department of Zoology spoke on “Right to Health, a Human Right”. According to her information right to health has been enumerated in International agreement which include Universal deceleration of Human Rights. Miss Pratibh Takur , Research Scholar expressed her views on Rights to health in connection with endocrine, hormones oxytocin which act as a neurotransmitter that regulate healthy mothering behavior. Dr.Rekh Gupta, Dean Education faculty, AISECT University ,Raisen expressed that school going students need to be socially, mentally, physically and emotionally better developed and for that teachers should put their efforts to develop good cultures within students. Miss Dipali Sahare, Research Scholar expressed her views on challenges of Human Rights in context with human trafficking. Miss Shweta Tiwari, Student spoke on “Global Challenges and Teachers Role.” She also emphasizes on emotions of students which is bound up with learning. Miss Pallavi Mishra, student discussed the various aspect of Human Right. This session was concluded by the speech of Chairperson Dr.Sanjeev Sachdeva.

The two days national seminar concluded with the valedictory seminar on 10/09/16. The program began with Saraswati Vandana followed by floral welcome of the guest and welcome speech by the principal, Dr. Sudha Pathak. Mr. Virender Mohan Kanwar, Chairman MPHRC, Bhopal was the chief guest of the function. He emphasized on the role of human rights in establishing universal peace. He also discussed the objectives of United Nations with reference to the protection of human rights at the international level. Dr. Sanjeev Sachdeva, chief scientific officer, EPCO, was invited as special guest for the function. Through a self communicative power point presentation, he conveyed a message that preservation of our natural resources, flora and fauna contributes in the effective development of any country. He also discussed some of the projects related to the protection and conservation of the natural resources, and threw light on the interdependence of human rights and environment. The program was presided by the chairman, college governing body and honourable trustee, Dr. Meena Pimpalpure. The father figure, Shri. S.K. Sachdeva graced the occasion as the special guest. Dr. Meena Pimpalpure conveyed the importance of peace in the world of utter chaos. She congratulated the principal and staff for successful organization of the seminar. Shri.S.K. Sachdeva blessed the gathering and conveyed Bhagwan Baba’s message to remove ego and desire from life and thereby contribute in achieving peace within. He underlined that peace within definitely contributes peace in the outer world.

Later the book with ISBN on the full length papers of the participants of the seminar was also released by guests. The certificates were also distributed to the winners of the poster competition on the theme “Environment, Population and Human Rights”. The youngest paper presenter award was given to Miss. Pallavi Mishra 1 Sem. Law and Miss. Navya Jain, 3 Sem Law Student. The guests were honoured by mementos. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Neena Chatterjee, HoD Economics, organizing secretary of the seminar. The program concluded with Maha Mangla Aarti.

### **Expected Outcomes/Outputs from the event**

The national Seminar conducted in our college had been great success as we received a lot of appreciation from the participants. In today’s world Right education plays a vital role in the overall development of one’s personality and peace building. The paper presented in the seminar covered almost all the aspects of one’s development as a human being may it be social, psychological, cultural economical and environmental aspect.

The seminar aimed to help Individuals rethink economic development and find ways to halt the destruction of irreplaceable natural resources and pollution of the planet as, despite all efforts, environmental degradation had accelerated at an alarming rate. The main purpose was that ‘Human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development. They are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature’ and this event also establishes. In order to achieve sustainable development, environmental protection shall constitute an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from it.

The Seminar covered the thirteen themes indicated by its title that ‘ensure’ participant have access to information, are allowed to participate and have access to judicial review. Although the term ‘right’ is generally avoided, the objectives, structure and context of the seminar are rights-oriented, drawing on notions of international human rights law. The seminar is intended to provide for participatory, informational and procedural rights in environmental matters also. The poster competition increase awareness among the student to protect Human Right, Environment so we will be able to achieve the sustainable development and focused on Environment and Development is the most pertinent in the context of human rights and the environment.