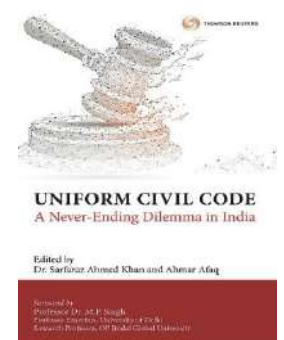


## Publications:

- The Centre for Human Rights also published a special edition of **BALANCE Journal (Vol. 5 Issue 1)** wherein the papers received from the Interns during the Summer Internship Programme 2020 were published after a rigorous review and editing process by eminent experts.
- The Conference Proceedings of the Two-Day National Conference on Uniform Civil Code and CONVERSE'20 – Two Day National Seminar on Business and Human Rights were published in the Symbiosis Law School's Multidisciplinary Journal 'BALANCE' in the form of **Vol. 3 Issue 2 and Vol. 4 Issue 1** respectively.



- Centre for Human Rights got its **second publication** in the form of a book on the Uniform Civil Code. The Book is a culmination of the papers received from participants at the Two-Day National Conference on Uniform Civil Code. The Book is edited by Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Director, SLSH and Mr. Ahmar Afaq, Assistant Professor, SLSH and is published by Thomson Reuters.



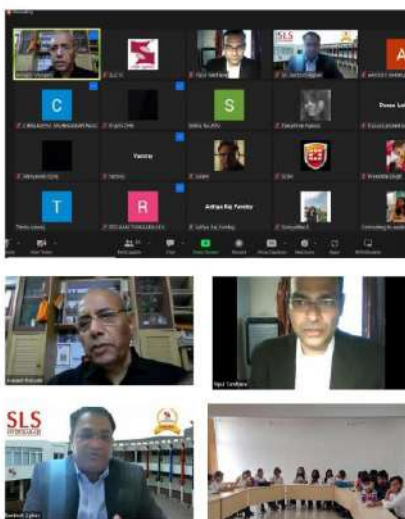


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- The Centre for Human Rights was adjudged as the **Most Active Centre at Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad** for the academic year 2019-20.
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Other Events/Achievements of the Centre:

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- An **Article Writing Competition** on the theme, **Technology and Human Rights** was conducted on 14th September 2023. Through this competition the centre tried to broaden the knowledge of students as well as spread awareness of the risks and challenges of using technology concerning human rights in the modern time. After an overwhelming response of students and rigorous short listing and review process of the articles, the best three articles were duly recognized and the students were awarded for the same.



- A **Guest lecture followed by Group Discussion** was conducted on 30th May 2023 on the topic, **"Human rights violations of mental health patients/ people suffering from mental health issues"**. The first speaker for the guest lecture was Mr. Avinash Mokashi, the founder director of Association of Fraud examiners and Indian Human Rights Council. Apart from this, he is the recipient of 'In the Service of Peace Medal' from United Nations. He is a Member of the Maharashtra Police Academy, Maharashtra

State Human Rights Commission and many more institutions. The second speaker for the guest lecture was Mr. Vipul Tamhane who has over 25 years of experience in the risk, compliance and technology industry with SME in Risk management, Advisory and Technology Consultative Sales. The respected speakers gave fruitful insight on the topic and imparted knowledge about the importance of the overall mental well-being of any person.

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The guest lecture was followed by a group discussion under the guidance of Mr. Abhilash Sapre, Dr. Shaeyuq Ahmed and Ms. Anamika Singh, which further explores the various forms of human rights violations experienced by mental health patients

worldwide. It also embarked on the challenges faced by them in their life.

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- The Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with the Legal Aid Centre organised a webinar on the topic, “*Child Labour: Exploring Contemporary Narrative*” to mark the World Day against Child Labour on 12th June 2020. The guest speakers of the webinar were - Dr. M. Murali Krishna (Child Protection Officer, UNICEF) and Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, then Director, SLS-H gave us some insights into the Child and Adolescent (Regulation and Prohibition) Act, 1986.
  - A webinar on the topic, “*COVID-19 and Human Rights violation with special reference to Migrant Labourers,*” was organized on 13th May 2020. The speakers of the session were – Mr. Shamindra Nath Roy (Senior Researcher, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi) and Mr. Manish (Research Associate, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi) while Mr. Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, Centre for Human Rights moderated the session. The problems and human rights violation of migrant labourers were discussed at length and probable solutions were suggested by the attendees.
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- To embark on *World Day Against Trafficking in Persons*, the Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with the Centre for Gender Studies organized an article writing competition on the topic "India's Anti-Trafficking Bill turning a blind eye to socio-economic reality of Trafficked Persons" on 6th August 2019. The best articles were duly awarded cash prizes and certificates of appreciation.
- A National Essay Writing Competition on the theme "*Contemporary Human Rights Issues in India*" was conducted in January 2018. An overwhelming response of 300 essays was received from across the country. The best essays were duly acknowledged and the authors were awarded with cash prizes.
- *Lecture-Discussion on "Practical Aspects of Public Interest Litigation" and "Insights into Anti-Defection Law"*



- A lecture was held on 22nd August 2020 by **Adv. Sunil Fernandes**, Advocate on Record at Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Delhi.

### Summer Virtual Internship by Centre for Human Rights (May – June 2020)

The Centre for Human Rights at Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad conducted its first Online Internship Programme in view of the ongoing pandemic COVID-19. This Online Internship Programme served as an opportunity for students and research scholars in terms of developing their research skills and understanding of the practical aspects relating to violation of Human rights, especially during the lockdown period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Internship Programme commenced on the 11th of May 2020 and concluded on 11th June 2020. As part of the programme, on 22nd May 2020, an online webinar session on the Fundamentals of Research was taken by Dr. Rengasamy Stalin, Assistant Professor, MNLU, Nagpur. The online session was very informative and lively wherein not only the fundamentals of the research were duly

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**Internship Opportunity at Centre for Human Rights, SLSH**  
 Apply by May 8th, 2020

**About the Internship :**  
 CHR is proud to announce its first initiative to provide an internship opportunity to students who wish to contribute to Legal Research within the ambit of Human Rights. The internship is purely research-oriented & drafting centered around the realm of human rights concerns.

- Nature of Internship : Work from Home
- Eligibility : U.G or P.G pursuant students of Law, Social Science or Humanities with good research skills, may apply.
- Duration : Three weeks starting from 11th May 2020.

**Application Procedure :**  
 Interested candidates are required to send their Resume along with a cover letter via mail to chr[at]slsh.edu.in with the subject "Application for Online Internship- May 2020". The last date for sending the applications is 8th May 2020. The selected Interns shall be notified via mail about the same.  
 A Certificate of Internship will be given to all the interns upon successful completion of the Internship and submission of the report.

discussed through interesting activities, but also addressed the tips and techniques to write an effective research paper in order to provide clarity to the quality of the work. The interns were selected based on their CVs and a sample of the article authored by them. The papers submitted by the interns would be published in the form of an edited book by the Centre.

The Centre has successfully conducted the discussions on the following issues in the academic year 2019-20.

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- Human Right Concern Post Kerala Floods on 15th February 2020 (Advocate Jacob Alex, Advocate, High Court of Kerala – Guest Speaker).
  - Human Trafficking – The Ground Reality on 13th February 2020 (Ms. Suneetha Krishnan, Co-Founder of PRAJWALA and one of the topmost Human Rights Activist in the country who had successfully rescued 23,000 girls from the trap of human trafficking – Guest Speaker)
  - The Jogini System on 23rd January 2020 (Dr. Gogu Shyamala, one of the foremost contemporary Dalit voices in India and an inventive writer, author and poet in Telugu - Guest speaker)
  - The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 on 26th September 2019
  - National Register of Citizens (NRC) on 3rd September 2019
  - The Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2019 on 22nd August 2019
  - The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019 on 6th August 2019
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***Bi-weekly Discussions on Contemporary Legal Issues:***

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- “Freedom has multiple dimensions to it, one of it being the right to assemble, organize and debate on an open platform.” With this thought in mind, the Centre for Human Rights has taken the initiative of conducting bi-weekly discussions on contemporary legal issues which reflect human rights violations across the country and also at the global level. This initiative was undertaken to provide a platform for the students to come together, discuss, deliberate and express their views on various laws and other legal issues and developments that are taking place. In this way, students get an opportunity to widen their horizons in terms of gaining knowledge about various issues, imbibe public speaking skills and have an interaction with luminaries from the legal field.
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- *Launch of the Publication of Conference Proceedings of CONVERSE'19*
- The Centre for Human Rights had also launched its first-ever publication of conference proceedings of CONVERSE'19 – the annual flagship seminar of the Centre, at the inaugural ceremony of the Two-Day National Conference on Uniform Civil Code.



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- **Two Day National Conference on Business and Human Rights – (22nd – 23rd February 2020)**
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The Centre hosted a two-day National Conference on the theme of Business and Human Rights on the 22nd and 23rd of February 2020. The various sub-themes of the Conference included wide areas such as – National Action Plans to implement UNGPs: Potential Pathways in India; Access to Justice for Human Rights Violations by Multi-National Corporations; Corporate Activism and Human Rights, Human Rights Due-Diligence and Business and compliance with Labour Rights and Standards; Business, Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility and Business and Environment Laws; Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination at workplace. The Inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay, Member, National Human Rights Commission as the Chief Guest, Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur; and Mr. M Venkateshwarlu, President, Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry as the Guests of Honour and Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, then Director, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, Dr. Anuradha Binnuri, Deputy Director, SLSH and Mr. Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, Centre for Human Rights, SLSH. Dr. Surya Deva, Associate Professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, addressed the gathering at the inaugural ceremony through Skype. The other guest speakers included – Prof. (Dr.) Afzal Wani, Professor and Dean, SoI; Prof. (Dr.) Manik Chakrobarty

Former Director, UGC; Prof. Anand Kumar, Prof. Madhav Mallya, Prof. Geoffery Clement, Dr. Gaurav Varshney, Ms. Anee Khan, were the other guest speakers.

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*Felicitation of Dr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay, Member, National Human Rights Commission*



*Dignitaries Lighting the Lamp at Inauguration Ceremony of CONVERSE'20*

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- **Two Day National Conference on Uniform Civil Code – (17th – 18th January 2020)**

A two-day National Conference on the theme Uniform Civil Code on the 18th and 19th of January 2020 was organized by the Centre for Human Rights. This conference saw the participation of professors, research scholars, legal luminaries and students from various universities across the country. The various sub-themes of the Conference included – UCC: Need and Importance; UCC and Human Rights; UCC vis-à-vis Personal Laws; UCC: Social Problem or a Political Agenda ?; UCC and Indian Judiciary; Issues and Challenges; UCC and Plurality under Indian Constitution; and Uniform Civil Code vs. Common Code. The Inaugural Ceremony was held on 18th January 2020 in the auditorium. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari, Chairperson, Punjab State Human Rights Commission was the Chief Guest, while Prof. (Dr.) Iqbal Ali Khan, Former Dean & Chairman, Faculty of Law, Aligarh Muslim University and Dr. T.S.N. Sastry, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, were the Guests of Honour in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, former Director,



Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, Dr. Anuradha Binnuri, Deputy Director, SLSSH and Mr. Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, Centre for Human Rights, SLSSH, for the inaugural ceremony. The other guest speakers included – Prof. (Dr.) Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Former Dean, Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Rukmini Sen, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Afroz Alam, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU); Mr. Shameek Sen, Assistant Professor, School of Public Laws and Governance, National University of Juridical



*Participants at the National Conference on Uniform Civil Code*



*Team CHR, SLSSH with Dignitaries*

Sciences (NUJS); Adv. Zehra Rasheed Anwar and Adv. Prashant Padmanabhan, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India.

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- **CONVERSE'19: Two-Day National Seminar on Contemporary Women Rights: Issues and Challenges (15th – 16th February 2019):**
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The Two-Day National Seminar on Contemporary Women's Right Issues & Challenges hosted

a total of 130 participants from across the country.

The conference was based on sub-themes like Women and Personal Law, Women & Cyberspace, Women & Media, Women & Constitution, Women & Criminal Justice System, Women & Trafficking, Women & Empowerment and Women & Reproductive Rights. The Inaugural Ceremony of



*Hon'ble Dignitaries at CONVERSE'19*

the conference was held on 15th February 2019 and was graced with the presence of Prof. (Dr.). Nuzhat Parven Khan Dean, Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia; Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Associate Professor, NUJS, Kolkata; and Prof. (Dr.) Rekha Pande, Director of the Centre for Women's Studies and a Professor of History at the University of Hyderabad. Each of the sessions of the seminar was chaired by the experts in that field who gave vital input following a constructive discussion and insightful deliberation with the participants.



*Participants and other organising Team Members along with the Dignitaries at CONVERSE'19*

- **NILGIRI VISIT in collaboration with the Centre for Criminal Justice, SLSH:**

In collaboration with the Centre for Criminal Law and Criminal Justice (CCCJ), the Centre for Human Rights planned a visit to the Nilgiri Hills in June 2018. The purpose of the visit was to conduct an empirical study of the 6 Niligiri tribes - Toda, Kotha, Irula, Kurumba, Paniyas and Kattanyakas. The students were divided into four groups to study the historical aspects, the Human Rights concerns, cultural aspects and other issues of the tribes. The study was conducted under the able guidance of Dr. Stalin Rengaswamy, Mr Ahmar Afaq and Dr Pooja Rhine.



*Students interacting with the ladies of Kurumba Tribe*



*Team CCCJ and Team CHR, SLSH*

- **ROHINGYA REFUGEE VISIT in collaboration with Edinboro University, USA (15th August 2018):**

Refugee issues are vital issues surrounding nations at an international level. However, one needs to look into the real situations and conditions of those who suffer. To study the crisis being faced by Rohingya Refugees, a visit was planned to Bolapur, Hyderabad, where more than 1000 refugees reside in adverse conditions. This visit was in collaboration with the Edinboro University, USA, wherein Prof. George Richards accompanied Mr. Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, Centre for Human Rights, and student members, Ms Monalisa Mukherjee, and Ms Prityanshee Piyush and Ms Rupal Chhaya. This study was empirical and mainly focused on the conditions of the refugees staying in the camp. A detailed analysis was conducted on the essentials, identity cards, shelters, rents, livelihood, etc. The visit was an eye-opener as to the living conditions the people were surviving in with no gas cylinder, no medical facilities, no schooling within the 2km circumference etc.



- **One Day Lecture Series on “The Future Prospects of Indian Law Graduates In UAE” – 14th July 2018:**

A one-day lecture was organized to give the budding lawyers an insight into the ongoing and future opportunities in the UAE along with the importance of commercial international arbitration. Mr P. K. Abdul Raheem (Partner- ARG Law Partners & Associate Mohamed Aleghfeli Advocates & Legal Consultants, United Arab Emirates) was the guest speaker for the day. He was an attorney in a



*Felicitations of Mr P. K. Abdul Raheem*



corporate firm and also an associate attorney in Attorney's Alliance Law Firm: High Court of Kerala and Kochi. He has also been working as a legal consultant in Legal Maxims Group, UAE. He discussed the scope of Indian Law Graduates in UAE and stated that there is a dire need of lawyers in UAE since it is a hub for various industries like oil, natural gas, etc. His talk was followed by an interactive session with the students wherein he answered the questions relating to admissions in universities, job prospects, and higher education, etc. put forth by the students from across batches. The series involved a session on International Commercial Arbitration wherein the audience was given insights into certain new concepts like the arbitration centre, arbitration seat, and laws related to arbitration.

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- **Inauguration of the Centre:**

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The Centre for Human Rights at SLSH was formally inaugurated in February 2018. The Inauguration ceremony of the Centre was held on 14th July 2018 with Hon'ble Mr. Justice A Rajashekar Reddy, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad as the Chief Guest. The ceremony was also graced by Ms. G Rosy, Founder, Sankalp Foundation. The inauguration of the Centre took place by unveiling the curtain of the marble shield by the dignitaries including Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Officiating Director, SLSH and Mr. Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, Centre for Human Rights. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajashekar Reddy addressed the audience and stressed the importance of Human Rights and its awareness, he also quoted a few landmark judgements of the Supreme Court which shed light on the importance of Human Rights. The Guest of Honour – Ms. G Rosy shared her experiences and struggles in



*Unveiling the Marble Shield –  
Centre for Human Rights*



*Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajashekar  
Reddy addressing the students*

life and motivated the students to work for the betterment of society and the protection of human rights. The Faculty In-charge of the Centre for Human Rights – Mr. Ahmar Afaq then introduced the Centre and mentioned the aims and objectives of the Centre and introduced the members of the Centre and promised to try his best to live up to the expectations of the society and fulfilling the objectives of the centre for the greater good of all.

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