

CASH INTERNSHIP REPORT DECEMBER, 2021

In the month of December 2021, Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Law (CASH) conducted a research internship program in the field of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Criminal Law (ICL). After an extensive and robust selection process, one student was selected for the prestigious internship. Ritwik Mahanti from KIIT School of Law Bhubaneswar, Odisha was selected for this internship. Under the guidance of Dr. Sangeeta Taak, Assistant Professor of RGNUL and Faculty coordinator CASH, Ritvik Mahanti completed all the internship assignments within the deadline.

Throughout this internship, he researched on various emerging issues in IHL and their impact on global geo-politics and international relations. In light of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, his internship work predominantly focuses on Afghanistan's issues and challenges. Under the guidance of our faculty coordinator, he worked on the research paper titled as "*Providing diplomatic recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan*". He advocated the establishment of a minimal rule of law state in Afghanistan that can function normally and end anarchy prevailing in Afghanistan, which can also be a threat to international peace and security. He argued for the creation of a Bonsai Democracy in Afghanistan, countering the idealistic demands of western countries of a full-fledged democracy as it is too un-pragmatic and non-acceptable to conservative ethnic groups of Afghanistan such as Pashtuns.

Apart from the cutting edge research, he has also contributed to the blog wing of the CASH centre. He was also a part of numerous discussions and study groups conducted by the CASH. Throughout the internship, he had been actively involved in various activities of the centre. The intern's day-to-day tasks have been assigned and monitored by the faculty coordinator in collaboration with the student convenor, CASH. This research internship experience added immense value to the academic rigor of Mr. Ritvik and streamlined his career trajectory in the field of IHL. After successfully completing the internship, he was provided with an internship certificate by the faculty coordinator. As a centre, we believe that these research internships add tremendous value to the student's academic pursuits and help them understand the tragic implications of war and the importance of international peace and security.