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RGNU commemoates 73rd anniversary of Geneva Conventions

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The Center for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised Colloquium to commemorate 73rd Anniversary of Geneva Conventions. The Geneva Conventions of 12 August, 1949 constitute core of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) that ensure collective security to victims of war.

Dr. Prabhas Ranjan, Professor of Law, Jindal Global Law School, discussed the relationship between IHL and International Investment Law. He said that increasing conflicts and wars lead to sharp decline in international investments. He reflected on compensation by state to investors (who suffer loss due to conflicts and wars). Various bilateral treaties, the doctrine of military insurgency, the principle of systematic interpretation and reluctance of arbitration tribunals to take up compensation cases were also discussed by Dr Ranjan.

Dr. Sunod Jacob, Director, The Peninsula Foundation, focussed on the challenges to IHL and non-state armed groups. He elaborated on emergence of war and religious conflicts leading to intentional harm to monuments and misuse of monuments for storing arms. The 1996 ICJ advisory opinion for use of nuclear weapons and the increasing use of new forms of weapons like drones deployed for target killing were explained by Dr Jacob.

Dr. Garima Tiwari, Bennett University, discussed multilateralism and universal application of the Geneva Convention. She delved into various treaties based on the rights of prisoners of war, the situation of women, cyber war, blockades, civilian conflicts and political movements along with the application of IHL and artificial intelligence.

In observance of IHL Day 2022, around 100 participants attended the deliberations conducted by CASH RGNUL. Dr Sangeeta Taak, Assistant Professor of Law, coordinated the colloquium.