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ORGANISES

6TH RGNUL MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONGRESS

ON

RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”

The notion of identity is essential to the dignity and self-respect of any person. This includes sexual identity as well. The transgender community has faced centuries of oppression, which has made it difficult for them to come to establish their identity and enjoy their rights. The *NALSA Judgment* of 2014 was a ray of hope in an otherwise dark period for the Trans community. This judgement recognized the rights of transgender persons to gender identity, freedom of speech and expression, relying on the golden trinity of Articles 14, 19 and Article 21 of the Constitution. However, rights pertaining to marriage, divorce, inheritance or adoption, is still governed by limited imagination and understanding of gender. It is evident from the treatment meted out to LGBTQ+ community as well. In this context, the decriminalisation of homosexuality in the *Navtej Johar, 2018* judgment holds special relevance for transgender rights as well as LGBTQ+ community in general.

However, this respite turned out to be short-lived, since the Transgender Persons' (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 completely undermined the concept of 'self-identification' guaranteed by the NALSA judgment. Thus, the lacunae within the law provides us an opportunity to re-visit and expand our understanding of gender and identity.

With the existing legal background, it is essential to perceive this issue holistically to gain an overall understanding of the rights of the transgender and other sexual communities. This has to be done by a thorough understanding in the social, cultural, economic and psychological backdrop of the concerns regarding the issue. Hence, in order to understand their 'Environment' it becomes all the more important to study the same through a multi-disciplinary approach. This can go a long way in including the Rights of Transgender community within the narrative of gender identity.

AIM:

The 6th RGNUL *Multi-Disciplinary Congress on Rights of Transgender Community* is an attempt to initiate a multi-dimensional dialogue on Rights of Transgender Community.

ABOUT MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONGRESS (MDC)

The Multi-Disciplinary Congress (MDC) was an initiative of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL), which was taken in 2011 to promote holistic research ideas and inter-disciplinary research on different issues.

In 2011 and 2013, the MDC was organized in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Sciences Research – Northwestern Regional Centre (ICSSR-NWRC), Chandigarh. In 2015, the 3rd MDC was held in collaboration with African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Tanzania. In 2018, the 4th MDC cum Workshop was organized with the help of faculty from Southern New Hampshire University, US. In 2019, the 5th MDC was organized in collaboration with Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), New Delhi.

In all of these MDC's a dedicated effort was made to facilitate deliberations and to make an effort to contribute to the existing knowledge by way of discussions and publications of selected research papers.

In 2021, the MDC is continuing its effort to provide a platform to academicians, lawyers, social activists, researcher scholars and students to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Rights of Transgender Community.

PAPER PRESENTATION

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The conference solicits contributions of research papers that address themes and topics of the conference, including figures, tables and references of novel research materials. Subthemes of the conference includes, but are not limited to:

- Gender Non-Conformity and Constitutional Protection: Expanding Gender.
- Intersectionality and Discrimination against Transgender Community.
- Broadening the contours of the Right to Health of Transgender Community.
- Human Rights of Transgender Community and LGBTQ+ Community.
- International Perspective on Rights of Transgender Community.

- Modern Society and Raw Models attitude towards Homosexuality.
- Civil Society and the Changing Perception Towards Transgender Community.

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PAPER

1. The participants have to submit their abstracts (maximum 300 words) with keywords, clearly mentioning the objective and research methodology of the paper.
2. Co-authorship upto only 2 authors is allowed.
3. The abstract must be accompanied by a brief profile of the author(s) indicating his/her Email ID, contact number and official address.
4. Full Paper shall be between 2500-3000 words.
5. It must be typed in Times New Roman with Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1” margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word application.
6. *Chicago style* of citation should be followed.
7. The papers should be the original work of the author(s). Any kind of plagiarism will lead to disqualification. The papers published elsewhere or selected/submitted for publication elsewhere shall also be disqualified.

The author(s) will be solely responsible for any claim, suit or damages based on copyright infringement, unauthorized use or plagiarism. The University will not be liable for any such claim.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

The papers and abstract (soft copy) must be sent by email to 6mdc2021@gmail.com with the subject “*Submission for the 6th RGNUL Multidisciplinary Congress on Rights of Transgender Community*” on or before the last date of full paper submission (soft copy). The paper and details of the author must be submitted as separate documents in the same e-mail.

IMPORTANT DATES

PARTICULAR	DATE
Last Date of Abstract Submission	21 rd Feb, 2021

Acceptance of Abstracts	23 th Feb, 2021
Online Payment of Registration Fees Link	Link will be available on RGNUL Website from 23 th Feb, 2021
Last Date of Payment of Fees	2 th March, 2021
Full Paper Submission (Soft Copy)	7 th March, 2021
Paper Presentation	9 th March, 2021
E-certificates	Within 10 working days

REGISTRATION FEES DETAILS

The registration is required to be done only after the acceptance of the abstract

Student(s)/Research Scholar(s)	Rs. 200
	Rs. 300 (in case of co- authorship)
Academician(s)/Professional(s)/Other(s)	Rs. 500
	Rs. 600 (in case of co-authorship)

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