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International Conference on “Expanding Horizons of Human Rights, Fundamental Freedoms and Fundamental Rights in the Age of Globalisation”

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, successfully organised an International Conference on “Expanding Horizons of Human Rights, Fundamental Freedoms and Fundamental Rights in the Age of Globalisation” on 18th–19th April 2026.

The conference sought to examine the dynamic and expanding scope of human rights within the framework of globalisation. It focused on contemporary challenges such as digital transformation, transnational governance, and the protection of vulnerable and marginalised communities. The deliberations emphasised the necessity of aligning international human rights standards with domestic constitutional principles, particularly within the Indian context, while also recognising the role of indigenous legal traditions in shaping a more inclusive and adaptive rights discourse.

The event was organised by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights (CASHR) and the Centre for Advanced Studies in Labour Welfare (CASLW), RGNUL, under the guidance of Dr. Jaswinder Kaur and Dr. Gagan Preet, in collaboration with the Department of Law, Punjabi University, Patiala. The conference brought together eminent academicians, legal practitioners, and scholars from across the globe, creating a platform for meaningful academic exchange and dialogue.

The inaugural session was graced by Hon’ble Justice Mr. Sanjay Karol and Hon’ble Justice Mr. Rajesh Bindal. The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, formally welcomed the dignitaries and international delegates representing over 10 countries.

In his address, Hon’ble Justice Karol Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol highlighted the growing significance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the era of globalisation, referring to key international instruments such as the UN Charter and major human rights covenants. He emphasised that India is guided by the Constitution as its unifying principle, drawing attention to Article 51A(b) and 51A(h). He also connected these values to ancient Indian traditions and constitutional provisions. He also emphasised the vital role of students in advancing awareness, advocacy, and the effective realization of human rights in India.

Hon’ble Justice Mr. Rajesh Bindal highlighted key international frameworks on human rights and discussed contemporary issues such as legal aid, sustainability, green credits, and privacy. He emphasised the central role of Part III of the Constitution, particularly Articles 14, 19, and 21, in safeguarding fundamental rights. He also referred to leading Supreme Court judgments that have strengthened the protection and promotion of human rights in India.

Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, talked about the protection and promotion of human rights, fundamental freedoms, fundamental rights. The event was graced by eminent scholars and legal practitioners including, Prof. (Dr.) Bhupinder Singh Virk, Prof. (Dr.) Damanjit Sandhu, Dr. Lakhvir Singh, Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Dr. Balwinder Kaur, Prof. (Dr.) J. L. Kaul, Prof. (Dr.) Anupam Jha, Advocate Alok Singh and Advocate Sunil Agrawal.

The conference witnessed participation from delegates representing countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nepal, Oman, Syria, and Uganda, thereby enriching the discourse with diverse international perspectives and comparative insights.



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A well-structured academic programme was conducted, comprising 2 offline sessions and 13 online sessions. A total of 134 participants presented their research papers on a wide range of contemporary human rights issues. The sessions were evaluated by esteemed and learned dignitaries, whose expertise ensured rigorous academic engagement and meaningful deliberations.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Kamaljit Kaur, Dean (Research), RGNUL, who along with Dr. Jaswinder Kaur, Dr. Gagan Preet, Dr. Shiva Satish Sharda, Dr. Suzanna Augustine George, extended her sincere gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Dean Academics, RGNUL, Dr. Ivneet Kaur Walia, Registrar (Officiating), RGNUL for their constant support. She also expressed her sincere gratitude to Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Rajesh Bindal for gracing the conference with their esteemed presence and valuable insights. Student coordinators Jashan Deep Kaur and Arun Kumar Rathod were acknowledged for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the smooth organisation and execution of the event.

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