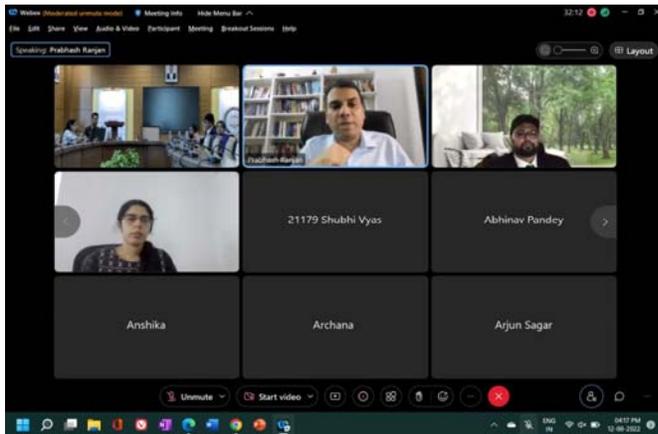


## INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM REPORT

The Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH), RGNUL marked the 73rd Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Friday at 4 pm. The International colloquium was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice Chancellor, RGNUL. The distinguished speakers for the event were Dr. Sunod Jacob, Dr. Garima Tiwari, and Dr. Prabhash Ranjan. RGNUL faculty members, Dr. Sangeeta Taak, Dr. Navleen Multani, and Dr. Kamaljit Kaur participated in the discussion, along with more than 100 participants.



Dr. Prabhash Ranjan discussed the inter-relationship between IHL and International Investment Law. He discussed how IHL has become more complex today. With increasing conflicts and wars, international investments decrease tremendously. He posed a serious question of whether the state can be held liable to compensate such investors who face issues due to conflicts and wars. Various bilateral treaties, the doctrine of military insurgency, and the principle of systematic interpretation were deliberated. He explained that arbitration tribunals refuse and are reluctant to decide over these cases.

Dr. Sunod Jacob discussed the challenges in IHL. He deliberated upon the area of non-state armed groups and how they tend to be cheated. The emergence of war-grown conflicts, religious conflicts where monuments have been intentionally destroyed, and the growing trend of using these monuments for storing arms was discussed. The fact that the number of countries that have signed the Geneva Convention is less is troubling. The 1996 ICJ advisory opinion for the use of nuclear weapons and the increasing use of new forms of weapons like drones which are misused for target killing today were explained.

Dr. Garima Tiwari discussed the idea of multilateralism and the universal application of the Geneva Convention. She discussed various treaties based on the rights of prisoners of war, the

situation of women, how compliance should be strengthened, and criminal responsibility. Moreover, modern issues like cyber war, blockades, civilian conflicts, and political movements along with the application of IHL and artificial intelligence were explained. She emphasized the fact that the adoption of principles on a national level would be beneficial.

The event was successful and was marked by productive and informative discussions. The second part of the event involved a question and answer session with all the speakers. The session concluded at 5:20 pm with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sangeeta Taak, Faculty coordinator, CASH.