

NATIONAL SEMINAR
on
RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER: ISSUES
AND CHALLENGES
18th March 2018(Sunday)



Organised By
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UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE
UTKAL UNIVERSITY, VANI VIHAR, BBSR

Dear Sir/Madam,

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that a National Seminar on **Rights of Transgender: Issues and Challenges** is being organized by Dept. of LL.M(HUMAN RIGHTS),University Law College, Utkal University on **18th March, 2018**.

ABOUT THE TOPIC:

Transgender people or individuals of any age or sex are those whose appearance, personal characteristics or behavior differ from stereotypes of how men and women are "SUPPOSED" to be. Transgender people have existed in every culture race and class since the dawn of the society. The nomenclature "TRANSGENDER" is a invention of this modern world.

Transgender in India have existed for centuries. Yet, the onset of colonial modernity with its assertion of Enlightenment categories has created new challenges for India's transgender communities. This has led to ambivalence about the number of transgenders in India – estimates vary from 50,000 (India Today, 1982), 500,000 (The Tribune, 1983) to 314,818 (from the 1984-86 survey of ***Sarva Bharatiya Hijra Kalyan Sabha***).

The transgender in India have been one of the marginalized sections of society. Transgender people perceive that they have been excluded from effectively participating in social and cultural life, economy, politics and decision-making processes. A primary reason of the exclusion is perceived to be the lack of recognition of the gender status of *hijras* and other transgender people. As a consequence transgender people face extreme discrimination in every field of life like health, education, culture, employment and social acceptability. Often deprived of information and medical support, they fall prey to AIDS and other fatal diseases. The transgender community has been treated, until recently, as a legal non-entity in violation of Article 14, 15, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India and has been deprived of Fundamental Rights.

Of late, in order to bring the transgender people to the main stream of development and to provide them social recognition, the state of India has taken certain positive measures. The Supreme Court of India, in a landmark Judgement on 15th April, 2014, has categorically recognized the transgender as the "third gender". The apex court asked the central government to treat transgender as socially and economically backward community, entitled to reservations in educational and professional fields. The apex body also directed the central and state governments to devise social welfare schemes for third gender community and run a public awareness campaign to erase social

stigma. The recent years have witnessed the establishment of Transgender Welfare Boards in Odisha and some other states.

Although legal recognition has been granted to transgenders, social challenges and discrimination have not eroded away. The present seminar intends:

1.to offer a broad platform to academicians, researchers, social activists, biologists, policy makers, civil society members, media personnel and transgenders themselves in order to discuss the critical issues which concern the transgenders of India and abroad at present.

2. to bring out the heterogeneous diversity of the term "transgender" as a marker of social identity, both historical and contemporary

3. to analyze problems which transgenders face in various arenas

4. to identify present possibilities, in respect of the Supreme Court judgement

5.to outline future directions and policy proposals for the welfare of transgenders

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The University Law College is a constituent college of Utkal University and imparting 3-year LL.B(H), 5- Years B.A. LL.B(Hons) and LLM(HR) Course. It is situated at Vani Vihar, Square, Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha.

Sub-Themes of the Seminar

The various sub-themes of the seminar are enlisted as follows:

- Contemporary development of transgender- Indian perspective
- Plight of Transgender in International Scenario
- Rights of the Transgender – Its violation, demands and expansion
- Other related topics

Call for Papers

Research papers are invited from scholars, researchers, practitioners, academicians and students on issues related to above themes. Author of selected papers would be given an opportunity to present their paper on the day of seminar.

Guidelines for submission of papers

An abstract of 150-200 words should be attached with the full Paper which should not exceed 3000 Words. It must be typed in Times New Roman Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides with single line spacing using MS Word. Referencing and footnote should be in times new roman font 10, with line spacing 1. (Participants are requested to take note that University Law College is strictly against plagiarism).

Any paper selected might be published in an ISBN registered book on payment of a nominal charge, which is to be decided by the authority.

A brief profile of the author indicating his/her designation, email ID, contact number and address for the prior setting up of the session shall be sent to the organizing secretary on or before 12th march 2018.

Submission Method:

Prospective authors are invited to submit Abstract and full paper at email-id info.principalulc@gmail.com , cc to universitylawcollege.llm@gmail.com . Both the abstract and the full paper should also be submitted on the same email-id. **Note:** The subject of the mail should be the Name of the Author along with title of the paper.

Oral Presentation

- Ten Minutes will be given to each speaker.
- Presentation to be prepared in MS Power Point and has to be brought on a USB memory stick.
- LCD projector facility will be provided for making presentations.

Registration fees:

Registration fees is payable by each of the authors of the papers individually and separately in cash on arrival at the place of the seminar before inauguration.

REGISTRATION FEE	With Accomodation		Without Accomodation
	A/C	NON A/C	
Academician/ Research scholars	1000+500	500+500	500
Students	1000+200	500+200	200

Tentative Program Schedule

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Registration	ROOM NO – 01
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Inauguration Ceremony	Conference Hall
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Poster Session	Conference Hall
11:30 – 01:30 PM	1ST Technical Session	Conference Hall
01:30 – 02:30 PM	LUNCH	ROOM NO – 02
02:30 – 03:45 PM	2ND Technical Session	Conference Hall
03:45 – 04:00 PM	Tea Break	ROOM NO – 02
04:00 – 05:00 PM	Valedictory Ceremony	Conference Hall
05:00 – 06:00 PM	High Tea	ROOM NO – 02
06:00 – 08:00 PM	Cultural Night Followed by DJ Akhil	ULC Stage

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