



VIRTUAL NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

AFFORDABLE SHELTERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN DELHI

23rd July 2022 (Saturday)

CAMPUS LAW CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

A roof over head is considered the most essential requirement in the life of every human, thus it is imperative to consider it as a Human right. But for a country like India, having the second-largest population, the said principle cannot be applied universally. Despite the fact that the Honourable Supreme Court considers the Right to shelter as an extension of the Right to Life and Liberty, it is still a far-fetched dream for many.

New Delhi, the capital of the country is no different either. As per data available in public domain many people are homeless and most of them are women and children. These homeless women and children are subject to many vulnerabilities in the form of access to healthcare, sanitation, food, and sexual exploitation which not only hampers their right to live with dignity but also hinders the growth of children who need a conducive environment for their overall development and well-being. Therefore, homelessness is an issue of the highest degree which impacts the right to live a dignified life.

In view of this, the seminar is designed to identify the challenges which confront women and children while hoping to find shelter in the bustling city of Delhi. The seminar further aims to create awareness about the need for safe, secure, and affordable shelter for street women and children who often find themselves in precarious situations. This undertaking hopes to sensitize the community towards the special needs of women and children when they find themselves on the streets, or in places that are ill-equipped to cater to their needs.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTIONS

Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi



Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi is one of the oldest and the most prestigious law school in the country. By offering the three-year LL.B. program to graduates and postgraduates from all disciplines, CLC attracts very illustrious and bright-minded students each year. CLC has maintained its reputation of producing excellent lawyers, academicians, and judges and has added a galaxy of outstanding alumni who have made stellar contributions in the field of law, civil administration, and academics. Qualitative teaching, moot-court competitions, campus placements, pro bono legal-aid services, regular discussions, and illustrious alumni are some of the features which have established CLC as a centre of excellence.

National Law School of India University, Bangalore



The National Law School of India University, the nation's premier law university, came into existence through a notification under the National Law School of India University Act (Karnataka Act 22 of 1986). It signified the culmination of efforts by the Judiciary, the Bar Council of India, the Karnataka Bar Council, the Bangalore University and the Government of Karnataka to reform legal education and establish a centre of excellence for legal education and research in India. The Law School has undertaken many research projects funded by the UGC, the Government of India, the Government of Karnataka, the Department of Women and Child Development, UN agencies, the World Bank, HIVOS, the Department of Justice, etc. The projects have served to strengthen research and teaching at the Law School. The National Law School of India University since its inception has taken proactive steps in organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, refresher courses and certificate courses to update academicians, law teachers, students, and industry personnel in different subject areas.

Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), NLSIU



Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), established in 1997 is a benefactor of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF&CC), the Government of Karnataka, the Bar and the Bench in India and abroad. Building an environmental law database, effectively networking among all stakeholders, building up an environmental law community and policy research in the area of the environment are CEERA's main objectives. To achieve the aforesaid, CEERA has incessantly and successfully been able to build functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organisations in India, the South Asian Region and at the international levels. CEERA, has been partnering with the Central Pollution Control Board in organising training programmes for the officers of various State Pollution Control Boards and other industry professionals for over eight (8) years. One of the first in India, to be successfully granted a World Bank project and thereafter being a steady choice for the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, CEERA has been entrusted with research projects and workshops to impart training to Forest Officers, Revenue Officers, Officers of the Central Pollution Control Board and also of the Government of Karnataka.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Thematic Background

“Women and children who are homeless experience particular forms of violence or are more vulnerable to them. The lack of access to medical services for homeless women, owing to their status, has a disproportionate impact, particularly during pregnancy and childbirth. Many homeless children and women suffer from severe malnutrition.”

---UN General Assembly, Human Rights Council A/HRC/34/51/Add.1(2017)

Homelessness is a profound assault on dignity, social inclusion, and the right to life. A home is not just a physical structure like a shelter to protect one from extreme weather conditions and provide comfort- but it also has legal and social dimensions. A home provides identity, a sense of belonging and emotional well-being. Homelessness is the most isolating, destructive, and often violent experience and the homeless are the most vulnerable and excluded section of our society. Amongst this vulnerable group, homeless women and children are even more vulnerable and juxtaposed to multiple risk factors of staying on the streets. Acknowledging the complexity and urgency of the issue at hand, research papers are invited from stakeholders working in the field of ensuring the rights of women and children.

Suggested Themes:

- Violence against homeless street women and children
- Constitutional rights of homeless women and children
- Role of Judiciary in ensuring the right to adequate and affordable shelters
- International human rights laws for homeless women and children
- Right to the adequate shelter of homeless and destitute: a human right perspective
- Affordable healthcare for the urban poor
- Impact of Covid- 19 on the street women and children
- Pandemic, social distancing, and adequate shelter
- Social welfare schemes and policies for homeless women and children
- Migrant women and children: Do they have adequate spaces to dwell in safety.
- Orphaned children and their need for safe and adequate shelter
- Violence, homelessness, and gender

NOTE: The list of sub-themes is not exhaustive and the participants can choose a topic of their own will for the paper in conformity with the theme of the seminar.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility

Research papers are invited from Academicians, Regulators, Policy Makers, Research Scholars, NGOs, Students across different disciplines, and other stakeholders working in the field of ensuring the rights of Women and Children with regard to the mentioned themes and objectives of this very seminar.

Submission Guidelines

- Co-authorship is permissible (subject to an upper limit of 2 Authors per submission).
- The main Author and/or presenting Author shall register separately.

Research Paper

- Every paper must contain an **abstract** not exceeding 300 words.
- The maximum **word limit** of the paper must not exceed 6000 words inclusive of footnotes.
- The Paper must be accompanied by a **cover letter** which shall include the details:
 - A. Title of the paper
 - B. Full name(s) of the Author(s)
 - C. Institution/Organization/University
 - D. Professional/Educational Details
 - E. Email address(es) and Contact Number (s)
- The Paper should be in .doc/.docx formats in Times New Roman font, font size 12 with 1.5 spacing.
- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman, the font size 10 with 1.0 line spacing. Endnotes are not allowed.
- Alignment -Justified, no page borders, Margin 1 inch on each side.
- The writings must conform to the “Indian Law Institute, Rules of Footnoting”. Authors may visit the freely accessible website of the Indian Law Institute - <http://www.ili.ac.in/footnoting12.pdf>
- The manuscripts must be sent in MS Word format (.doc/.docx.).
- All submissions should be the original work of the author, and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form.
- Any form of plagiarism will lead to disqualification for publication in the Review. Similarity should not be more than 10%, excluding footnotes.

Important Dates

Last date for Registration and Abstract Submission	19th June 2022
Intimation of Selected Abstracts	1st July 2022
Last date for Submission of Fees	10th July 2022
Last date for Submission of Paper	17th July 2022
Confirmation of Selected Papers	21st July 2022
Dates of Seminar	23rd July 2022

Registration Procedure

Step 1:

- The Participants are required to fill the Registration Form and Abstract of the paper.

<https://forms.gle/aJFRuJJvmkdvEM8K6>

- Each Participant should register individually.
- After the selection of the abstract, the participants are required to Submit the fees.

Step 2:

- The Participants are required to submit the Paper at sheltersforpoor@gmail.com. The subject of the e-mail should be 'Submission for National Seminar'.
- The authors of the accepted papers shall be notified via mail regarding the details of the seminar.

Registration Fee

The Participants are required to submit a fee of **Rs. 500** per paper after selection of abstract. The **mode of payment** shall be notified to the participants via e-mail.

Prizes:

All the participants shall receive an **E-Certificate** and the top 3 papers would be given **Cash Prizes**.

First Prize: Rs. 3000

Second Prize: Rs. 2500

Third Prize: Rs. 1500

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