

STUDENTS CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (M.P.)



MINUTES OF MEETING

- **DETAILS:**

- ❖ Date: 26th June, 2020
- ❖ Day: Friday
- ❖ Time: 12:00 Noon-02:00 PM
- ❖ Participant Institute: Madhav Law College, Ujjain
- ❖ No. of Student Participants: 53



❖ Hon'ble Panellists:

- (i) Adv. ShannoShagufta Khan, HRLN Indore
- (ii) Mr.Gunjan Singh, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- (iii) Mr.FazalAbdali, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- (iv) Mrs.Olivia Bang, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- (v) Adv. Swapnil, HRLN Shivpuri
- (vi) Adv. Amin Khan, HRLN Gwalior
- (vii) DivyamWadhwa, Student Intern, HRLN Indore

❖ Total Number of Participants: **60**

SPEAKERS' SESSION

- The Convention began with **Adv. Shanno Shagufta Khan**, State Coordinator, HRLN Indore introducing everyone to HRLN and briefing the attendees with the objective of the Convention.
- The Convention was then took over by **Adv. Gunjan Singh** who enlightened the attendees with the plight of migrant labours during the Covid-19 Pandemic and how students have played and can play a crucial role in seeking remedy for the helpless migrants.

Advocate Gunjan highlighted how the government has failed over years in securing a compiled data of the migrant labourers across India. During a Pandemic like this, it's a natural human tendency that a person will resort to

this home. However with no records of the number, the places, the sectors, the condition etc of the migrants, it had become impossible for the government to secure these hard workers the basic necessity which they deserve.

Advocate Gunjan illustrated the situation with the perfect example of Panipath where over 5000 workers were stranded with no meal to fetch themselves. However, since those in-migrants aren't the registered voters of Haryana, the Government took no steps to help the poor migrant labours out of this dire situation.

- Advocate **Fazal Abdali** in an interactive session discussed one of the most sensitive issues: CAA_NRC. The topic was explained with all its clarity touching upon the historical background, the idea of statelessness, Assam Accord, infringement of Constitutional Rights, the plight of Rohingya Refugees etc.

Advocate Fazal highlighted how corruption in the form of bribery acts as an added factor to the unconstitutionality of CAA-NRC. This is because grant of documentation is completely dependant upon government departments who harass the applicants in the worst way possible.

- Advocate **Olivia Bang** then shed some light of the National Food Security Act. Right to food activists have been writing for several years that despite the enactment of National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, there are a large number of people who are not able to get their food grains either due to

exclusion from the public distribution system (PDS) or due to insistence on Aadhar Based Biometric Authentication.

Now, given the scale of the problem and the food insecurity faced by millions, there are demands for universalization of PDS which would mean that food grains are provided even to those who do not hold ration cards and are not covered under NFSA.

- Advocate **Swapnil** from HRLN Shivpuri then narrated his experience on how his team lead by students helped over 50,000 migrants with food, water, shelter and assistance to reach their respective hometowns.
- Advocate **ShannoShagufta Khan** then highlighted the role played by PILs during the Covid-19 Pandemic and how students can be torch-bearers when it comes to drafting and filing PILs. She narrated how she filed numerous PILs at the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Bench at Indore and how all the PILs were ordered in the favour of the marginalized communities like Transgenders, PLHIV, PwD and Migrant Labourers.
- **Divyam Wadhwa**, a former intern at HRLN Indore shared his experience as a human rights intern under the guidance and tutelage of Advocate ShannoShagufta Khan.
- Lastly, a brief round of questions and answers was followed by Advocate Amin Khan from HRLN Gwalior conveying a vote of thanks to all the panellists and students. He wished all the students good health and success for their future endeavours.

PLAN OF ACTION

- A PIL seeking relief for the domestic women workers has been proposed to be drafted and filed by Adv. Shanno Shagufta Khan in the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Bench at Indore with the help of students.
- Further, students have been encouraged to come up with the issues being faced by general public in the area/town they reside at. The potential of the issue to be filed in the form of PILs will then be discussed with the respective state coordinators of HRLN.
- Students have been encouraged to engage themselves in ongoing relief work in their respective cities in the light of Covid-19 in coordination with respective HRLNs. HRLNs will ensure provision of necessary resources towards the relief work.

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