

## **A BASIC ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

### **“HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA”**

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A one day national conference was held on HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA: A BASIC ORIENTATION PROGRAMME in Maharaja Agarsen Institute of Management Studies, in association with National Human Rights Commission. The Conference was presided by eminent people from the industry and attended by faculty members, staff as well as the students of the college. The program started with warm introduction by the college students which was followed by an introductory speech by the Director, MAIMS, Dr C S Sharma, who through his experiences shared the importance of human rights. First session of the conference was presided by the Guest of Honour Mr. J S Kochher, Joint Secretary of National Human Rights Commission of India. Mr Kocher gave an in depth analysis to human rights by covering the major Constitutional provisions, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR) 1948, as well as the international covenants regarding the same. The session covered various political as well as social aspects of human rights and about the working of NHRC/SHRC. The UN charter and its ratification were thoroughly discussed. This was followed by a short tea break and informal discussions about the session theme.

After half hour tea break, the session was carried forward by Dr Bharti Sharma, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Delhi. She focussed on the rights of women and children. The thought provoking and highly interactive session covered various aspects like UN convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, 1979 (CEDAW) and its optional protocol and UN convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against children, 1989. Post this; there was a lunch break which was followed by the last session.

The third session was conducted by Shri Sushil Pandit, Professor, Indian Institute of Mass Communication. He focussed on the rights of vulnerable groups ,and explained the concept Human rights from its roots in Indian history followed by very critical issues like Bonded Labour Issues and The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act,1978 , Child Labour Issues And Child Labour (Prohibition And Regulation Act )1986, and Schedule caste and schedule tribe (prevention of atrocities)Act ,1989 .He also covered the Civil Liberties Act,1988 and the Forest Rights Act ,2006. His bidirectional way of speaking was appreciated by one and all. An NGO named 'Safe City' also became a part of the event. This NGO is working regarding 100 unsafe places in Delhi by collecting data all over Delhi and working to provide security over those areas.

In a nutshell, the one day conference was a very learning and insightful experience which exposed the audience to multiple facets of the formation, etymology and practicalities of the multidimensional nature of human rights.

