

CAMPUS LAW CENTRE
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
LEGAL AID SOCIETY
NOTICE

National Seminar: Gandhi on Duties

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Gandhi

In the present times, the growing assertion of rights often ignore the importance of duties as its correlative. Every individual is well occupied in identifying his/her rights without a serious realisation of his/her obligations, duties and responsibilities. This has been a great casualty to duties in our society, which is identified and recognised as a duty-based (Dharma-based) society. Without the proper observance of duties, rights remain a dead letter in a void domain. In this context, Gandhi’s thoughts on duties become very pertinent to address the prevailing challenges of our society. In Gandhi's view duties are more fundamental than rights because the latter springs from the former. As he rightly points out *“Begin with a charter of the Duties of Man, and I promise the rights will follow as spring follows winter.”* Gandhian Swaraj means the sum total of the swaraj (self-rule) of individuals. And such Swaraj emanates only from the performance of duties by citizens without having strong reservations for their rights. Gandhi conceived India as society guided by Dharma (righteous duty) conceived and practised communally in the vast and diverse terrains of the geography of India. Gandhi’s idea of duty becomes even more relevant in the 21st century, given the increasing clamour for rights. Though India came up with a specific and dedicated chapter (Chapter IV- A) on Fundamental Duties in the Constitution, its effectuation and realisation is still a great challenge. As we grapple today with the contours of a particular right - in an increasingly sensitive world, it is important to understand the corresponding duty to that particular right.

In this context, on the eve of **Martyrs’ Day, 30th January**, **Legal Aid Society, Campus Law Centre in collaboration with Central-District Legal Services Authority (Delhi)** is organizing a **one day National Seminar titled “Gandhi on Duties”**.

We invite short articles on the topic based on following sub-themes (illustrative):

- Duty as Source of Rights
- Community v. Individuality
- Priority of Duties over Rights
- Gandhian Duties in Indian Jurisprudence
- Gandhi and Fundamental Duties
- Gandhian Duty in Indian Education
- Relevance of Duties in the Present Age

Short articles (1500-2500 words) are invited from research scholars and students latest by **10:00 PM on 27th January, 2020**. Shortlisted articles would be communicated by **28th January, 2020** for presentation on the day of the event.

Interested students can register for the seminar on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/FjnagDfx3YWK2x8s9>

Note:

1. The last date for registration and submitting short articles is **27th January, 2020 by 10:00 PM**.
2. The submissions should be sent to cllegalaidsociety2016@gmail.com
3. In case the article gets shortlisted, the student will have to present it on the day of seminar.
4. Certificates will be provided to the presenters.

Tentative Schedule

Inaugural Session	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Tea	11:45 AM – 12.00 PM
Session I Panel Discussion and Presentation by Faculty Members	12:00 PM - 1: 30 PM
Lunch	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Session II	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Presentation by Research Scholars and Students	
Concluding Remarks	4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

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