

The CSHR was established in 1991 as a result of many human rights violations that took place in the country in the late 1980s.

Through its mandate of Human Rights education and research, the CSHR continued to conduct awareness and training programmes and carried out research towards disseminating knowledge of Human Rights in the country.

CSHR works with partners consisting of secondary school students of School Centres established since 1994, the rural community through Community Centres also established since 1994, the university community comprising students, academics and non academics, armed forces, police and prison officers, media personnel, persons with disabilities, prison inmates and the general public.

The Centre continued to carry out activities in keeping with its Strategic Plan, where Human Rights Education, Research, Capacity Building, Knowledge Services and Institutional Development were the areas of focus.

In addition, the University of Colombo, through the CSHR and the Faculty of Law, collaborated with the University of Sydney, Australia, to work towards offering the Asia Pacific Masters of Human Rights and Democratisation.

In the area of Research, the CSHR carries out practically applicable research. With regard to Capacity Building, the CSHR continued to strengthen its partners in the area of rights and responsibilities with the objective of protecting the rights of others as well as theirs.

In the area of Knowledge Services, the CSHR continued to provide services and information through its Resource Centre to students, academics, researchers and the general public.

The Centre also provided information through the electronic media in the form of the Human Rights Radio Programme conducted during the year.

In terms of Institutional Development, the fifth and final area that the CSHR focuses on, is in delivering programmes of high quality to those with whom the CSHR works.

Towards this end, the CSHR made every effort to provide opportunities to its Staff to improve their knowledge and skills, which will contribute to enhanced programmes and to the creation of a culture of human rights in the country.



**CENTRE FOR  
THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**

**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS BASED RESEARCH  
METHODOLOGY**

**SIX MONTHS  
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**Upholding 30 Years of Excellence in Human Rights Education & Research  
Centre for the Study of Human Rights  
Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

## Advanced Certificate on Human Rights Based Research Methodology

### *Introduction*

Empirical research has become an intrinsically inter-related field in any professional career in today's world. Whether it to be social sciences and Humanities, legal studies, defence studies, policy planning, development studies, marketing or any other field, knowledge and skills on research methodology has a greater value which is highly demanded. This high demand for the potentials on research methodology is clearly visible in public, private and non-governmental sector as well.

This course introduces and discusses approaches, strategies, and data collection methods relating to research. Students will consider how to select the appropriate methodology for use in a study to be undertaken. Additionally, these students will learn how to collect data based on different data collection methods, construct tools, and pilot them before they become ready for use. Finally, this course elucidates the requirements for an academic work, considering aspects related to language, writing style, and lay-out. To culminate this final stage, students will learn to write a comprehensive research proposal that may be conducted in the future.

### **Course Content (Summary)**

- Human Rights and Fundamental Rights
- Introduction to Research
- Sampling Methods
- Data Collection and Ethical Framework
- Technical Writing in Research
- Independent Research Proposal

### **Target Group**

This course is specially designed to address the issues and challenges faced by the junior scholars, fresh researchers and the beginners who are interested in researching human rights related issues but facing challenges in designing the research methodology appropriately.

Specially, undergraduates and those who are already following or wish to follow the courses in CSHR or any other institution which involves submission of term papers, independent studies, extended essays

### **Admission Requirements**

No person shall be considered for admission to the course leading to the **AdvCert in HRRM**, unless s/he has a

- a) G.C.E Ordinary Level or an equivalent qualification; or
- b) Completion of NVQF level 3; and
- c) A good working knowledge of the language of which the course is followed.

### **Fee Structure for Certificate Courses**

Application Fee :	Rs.250/=
Course Fee	Rs.40,000/=

Application forms and other information can be obtained from the

**Web** : <http://cshr.cmb.ac.lk>

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