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FEES

Application Fee : Rs. 500/=

Course Fee : Rs. 75,000/=

INFORMATION

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CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR), was established in 1991 in response to extensive human rights violations in Sri Lanka at the time period. It was set up as a non-profit organisation within the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, with the objective of making the public aware of their rights and remedies for the violation of rights. CSHR has been a pioneer of human rights education for 30 years with its mandate of Human Rights Education, Research and Capacity Building.

The CSHR continues to believe in the primary goal of Human Rights Education as a vital component in building a Human Rights culture throughout society; where the principles of peace, respect for diversity, and economic and social justice are maintained. This goal is pursued through the content and methods employed in the educational programmes of the CSHR. CSHR offers Advanced training programmes, Certificate Courses, Diploma programmes Higher Diploma, Postgraduate programme and Masters under CSHR Education Programmes.

The CSHR's goal is to create a nation with a rights consciousness in which the dignity and rights of all people are respected.



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DISTANCE LEARNING DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY

DLDip (HR & Democracy)

SLQF Level: 03

Credit value: 30

One year programme

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INTRODUCTION

This is a Distance Learning Diploma Course offered by the Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR). It is in equivalence with the requirements of Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) Level 3, to be conducted by the CSHR as a distance learning course. The course will be offered by following student-centered teaching and learning methods and K-SAM model. The course will provide theoretical and practical knowledge through face to face lectures, free e-book, lecture handouts, independent learning activities. The course aims to develop an understanding of the principles and institutions of international human rights law and democracy, including their origins, applications, developments and limits.

OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

Attributes of Qualification Holders

- a. Should reflect an advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area of human rights and democracy.
- b. Should acquire an Ability to evaluate and synthesize existing knowledge in the area.
- c. Should reflect well-developed problem solving abilities, characterized by flexibility of Approach.
- d. Should develop competencies in human rights and democracy research and analysis.
- e. Should possess the capacity to communicate, orally and in writing.

The objectives of this course are:

- a. To ensure the highest intellectual capacity development, in human rights and democracy to people in Sri Lanka
- b. To make available a formal Distance Course on Human Rights and Democracy to those who have less opportunities to follow a course from a reputed university in the country.
- c. To sensitize people on the importance of rights, responsibilities and democracy in the context of Sri Lanka.
- d. To impart the importance of 'creating a culture of human rights' in the country coupled with democracy

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- a. Understand the principles in human rights and democracy taught in the course.
- b. Explain the rights and duties of rulers and the citizens of the country, system of governance and the relationship between the domestic and international human rights framework;
- c. Apply the basic principles of human rights and democracy to issues and problems in the main areas of the course;
- d. Identify the relevance of Human Rights and Democracy to the citizens, to the workplace and to the country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(a) General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level)

Or

(b) A foundation course equivalent to SLQF level 2;

Or

(c) Completion of NVQF level 4 or minimum five years' work experience in a related field or accredited prior learning followed by a corresponding programme of minimum 30 credits as determined by the academic authorities of University of Colombo.

AND

(d) A good knowledge of Sinhala/Tamil language as the case may be and satisfactory performance at the selection interview.

SEMESTER - I

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

DL DHRD 3101 Introduction to Human Rights

DL DHRD 3102 Human Rights Protecting Mechanisms

DL DHRD 3103 Theories of Democracy

DL DHRD 3104 Democratic Governance

SEMESTER - II

DL DHRD 3201 Group Rights

DL DHRD 3202 Contemporary Discourses on Human Rights

DL DHRD 3203 Democracy and Development

DL DHRD 3204 Challenges to Democracy