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. 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



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# Advanced Certificate on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

#### Introduction

This course is an introduction to Human Rights (HR) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). It focuses on the very basics of the relevant areas, particularly emphasizing on the most important aspects, namely, history and background of HR and IHL, domestic law, fundamental rights, international treaties, norms, and principles related to HR and IHL and mechanisms of implementing these regimes.

# **Course Objectives**

- Provide participants with the basic knowledge of HR and IHL
- Develop the participants' knowledge to open their minds to the rights they are entitled
- Develop a system of appreciation of human beings, their individual dignity, rights and means of defending them
- Motivate to study human rights

### **Medium of Instruction:**

Selected candidates can follow the course in English Medium

Resource persons are invited from specialized fields, Public Services.

Special seminars will be conducted by senior personnel and other relevant sectors according to the curriculum.

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# **Course Content - Summary**

- Introduction to Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law
- 2. International Bill of Rights
- 3. Core International Human Rights Instruments
- 4. Domestic Human Rights Protection Mechanisms
- 5. International Humanitarian Law Instruments
- 6. The Application of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law
- 7. Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons and Migration
- 8. Dealing with Violations, Implementation of IHL, International Criminal Jurisdiction
- 9. Student Evaluation / Evaluation Method:

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