

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



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

**CERTIFICATE COURSE
ON
THE LAW AND THE CITIZEN**

**THREE MONTHS
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Centre for the Study of Human Rights
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Certificate on the Law and the Citizen

Introduction

This course is an introduction to Law and the Citizen. It focuses on the very basics of the relevant areas, particularly emphasizing on the most important aspects, namely, history and background of Law, domestic law, fundamental rights, Criminal and Civil laws, norms, and principles related to Law mechanisms of implementing these regimes.

The course is intended to not only give the participants an introduction to Law, policies and standards, but also as a foundation course for Diploma level courses offered by the CSHR, University of Colombo and to serve as a stepping stone for developing expertise in specialized areas of human rights and practice. This is an effort to accomplish the mission of the University of Colombo and has been designed to meet the mission of the Centre for the study of Human Rights, University of Colombo.

Target Group

The primary target group of this course are the general public who is interested in learning basics of law

Course Content

- **An introduction to Law (6 hours)**
- **Legal System in Sri Lanka (7 hours)**
- **Jurisdiction of Magistrates and District Courts (6 hours)**
- **Different Laws (7 hours)**
- **Criminal Justice Related Institutions (6 hours)**
- **The Rule of Law (6 hours)**

Medium of Instruction:

Selected candidates can follow the Law and the Citizen Course in Sinhala or Tamil 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.



Admission Requirements :

- A Six passes in G.C.E. (O/L) with five years experience in the relevant field in the capacity of senior officers directly involved in the process of protection and promotion of human rights;
- or
- Seven years experience in the relevant field in the capacity of senior officers directly involved in the process of protection and promotion of human rights.

Fee Structure for Certificate Courses

Application Fee : Rs.250/=
Course Fee : Rs.25,000/=

Application forms and other information ;
can be obtained from the

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