



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA



Two Credit Course On Human Rights and Social Justice: Disability, Gender, and Vulnerable Communities

**Organised by
Centre For Disability Law and Advocacy**

From 18th July, 2025 to 9th August, 2025



Mode- Online

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ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established in the year 2009 under The National Law University Orissa Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008) passed by the Odisha State Legislature and commenced its academic activities in the academic year 2009-10.

NLUO has made its mark as a University engaged in imparting socially relevant education. The institution is ideally positioned to learn from other law schools, considering both their strengths and drawbacks.

Students at NLUO are trained by a group of experienced and committed teachers. Beyond academics, NLUO promotes leadership skills and well-rounded life experience to our students by encouraging them to take part in various cocurricular and extra-curricular activities like literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial and recreational activities.

ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & ADVOCACY

The Centre for Disability Law And Advocacy endeavours to foster an inclusive and equitable environment within the National Law University Odisha (NLUO) community and beyond. Our key objectives are:

- **Promoting Awareness and Sensitisation:** To conduct programs and initiatives aimed at raising awareness among students, faculties and staffs about disability rights; fostering an understanding of diverse needs, and promoting inclusivity.
- **Advocating for Accessibility:** To collaborate with stakeholders and organisations, to organise discussions and events that address accessibility challenges in educational institutions and society at large.
- **Empowering Through Education:** To provide comprehensive online courses and seminars focusing on disability and the law, empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills to advocate for disability rights.
- **Facilitating Research and Development:** To encourage scholarly contributions by issuing calls for research papers and drafting project proposals to secure funding for research and development initiatives focused on disability welfare.

ABOUT THE CREDIT COURSE

This two credit course aims to explore the intersection of human rights and social justice, focusing on the legal, social, and policy frameworks affecting persons with disabilities, gender minorities, and other vulnerable communities. It examines key international and national human rights instruments, including the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and Indian constitutional provisions.

Through case studies and critical discussions, students will get an insight to analyze discrimination, social exclusion, and intersectionality while assessing the role of state and non-state actors in advancing equity and inclusion. The course aims to develop advocacy skills, policy analysis abilities, and a deep understanding of legal protections for marginalized groups. By the end, students will be equipped to engage in informed debates and contribute meaningfully to social justice movements and legal reforms in India and beyond.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to:

1. To provide a comprehensive understanding of human rights principles and their intersection with social justice.
2. To analyze the legal, social, and policy frameworks that impact persons with disabilities, gender minorities, and other vulnerable groups.
3. Explore the role of international and national human rights mechanisms in promoting social justice.
4. Develop critical thinking skills to assess human rights violations and propose legal and policy solutions.
5. Encourage advocacy and empowerment strategies to promote inclusion and equity in society.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of human rights theories and their relevance to social justice.
2. Critically analyze legal instruments and policies affecting marginalized groups.
3. Assess the effectiveness of human rights institutions in addressing discrimination and inequality.
4. Develop policy recommendations and advocacy strategies for promoting social justice.
5. Engage in informed discussions on contemporary human rights challenges and solutions.

Speakers



Smti. Bratati Harichandran

Smt. Bratati Harichandran serves as the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) in Odisha, India. Prior to her appointment as SCPD, Smt. Harichandran held the position of Director at the Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) in Odisha. In this capacity, she is instrumental in implementing various initiatives aimed at the rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities.



Sri Rajive Raturi

Shri. Rajive Raturi is a prominent disability rights advocate and legal expert, renowned for championing accessibility and inclusion in India. His landmark case, *Rajive Raturi v. Union of India*, culminated in a 2024 Supreme Court judgment that struck down non-mandatory accessibility guidelines, reinforcing accessibility as a fundamental right for persons with disabilities.



Dr. Gitanjali Ghosh

Dr. Gitanjali Ghosh is an Associate Professor of Law at Tezpur University's Department of Law in Assam, India. Dr. Gitanjali Ghosh, has significantly contributed to disability rights through her research, teaching, and legal advocacy. She emphasizes a rights-based approach to disability, focusing on inclusion, accessibility, and legal empowerment. Her work supports policy reform and promotes awareness of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, particularly in Northeast India.



Dr. Aditi Panda

Dr. Aditi Panda is a distinguished gender and disability rights activist based in India, recognized for her extensive contributions to promoting inclusivity and advocating for the rights of marginalized communities. Dr. Panda holds a Master's and Ph.D. in Social Sciences from the School of Women's Studies. Her academic pursuits have provided her with a profound understanding of the intersections between gender, disability, and social justice.



Dr. Tanwi Shams

Dr. Tanwi Shams is an Assistant Professor of Law at National Law University Odisha (NLUO), specializing in Disability Law, Human Rights Law, and Intellectual Property Law. Dr. Shams has contributed significantly to disability rights discourse through her research and publications. Notably, she has authored the book “Disability and Inclusion : A Socio- Legal Exploration in Assam”, in May 2025.

At NLUO, Dr. Shams directs the Centre for Disability Law and Advocacy, aiming to promote research and awareness in disability rights and social justice. Dr. Shams's dedication to legal education and advocacy continues to impact the fields of disability law and human rights in India.

COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1. Introduction to Human Rights and Social Justice

[4 Hours]

- Concept and evolution of human rights
- The three generations of Human Rights
- Theories of Social Justice
- Human Rights and Social Movements

Module 2: International and National Human Rights Frameworks

[4 Hours]

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and core human rights treaties
- Role of the United Nations and Regional Human Rights bodies
- Indian constitutional and legal framework for human rights protection

Module 3: Disability and Human Rights


[4 Hours]

- Legal frameworks: UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (India)
- Social and economic barriers to inclusion
- Disability rights advocacy and case studies

Module 4: Gender and Human Rights

[4 Hours]


- Gender equality and human rights frameworks (CEDAW, domestic laws)
- Gender-based violence and legal protections
- LGBTQ+ rights and recognition in India and globally



Module 5: Vulnerable Groups and Social Exclusion

[4 Hours]


- Rights of indigenous communities, minorities, and refugees
- Caste and class-based discrimination
- Child rights and elderly rights



Module 6: Intersectionality and Human Rights Violations

[4 Hours]


- Understanding intersectionality in discrimination
- Case studies on overlapping vulnerabilities such as women with disabilities, LGBTQ+ persons with disabilities, minorities, indigenous people
- Policy responses and Affirmative action



Module 7: Role of State and Non-State Actors in Social Justice

[4 Hours]

- Role of judiciary, NHRC, National and State commissions
- Civil society organizations and human rights defenders
- Corporate Social Responsibility , business & human rights



Module 8: Advocacy and Strategies for Change.

[4 Hours]

- Legal and Policy Reforms for Inclusion
- Grassroots Activism and Social Movements
- Role of Media in Human Rights Awarenessgraph text

COURSE SCHEDULE

Course duration : 32 Hours

Course start date : 18th July 2025

Course end Date : 9th August 2025

**Course Days: Friday, Saturday and
Sundays**

Date of Exam: 10th August 2025

Mode of Lecture : Online

Last date to Register - 5th July, 2025

**Declaration of Score Sheet: 25th August
2025**

**Circulation of Certificates : 1st Week of
September (Tentative)**




MARKING SCHEME

Examination

Participants shall be required to attend a minimum of 75% of classes to be eligible for the Examination.

Certification Grading Scheme



A+	85% and above
A	75% and above
B+	65% and above
B	50% and above

To pass this course, a student must obtain a minimum of 50% in the cumulative aspects of coursework (50 Marks MCQ and 50 Marks Descriptive). The evaluation exam will carry 100 (hundred) marks out of which students have to obtain a minimum of 50 (fifty) marks to fulfil the requirement of passing the course.

The mode of examination would be online.

FEE PAYMENT

Fee Structure:
PwD- 500/-
Students : Rs 1000/-
Professionals : Rs 1500/-

The fee will be payable through SBI Collect gateway, steps for which are mentioned below:

Step 1) Click on the URL:

<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>

Step 2) Type “National Law University, Odisha” in the search bar given to enter institution name.

Step 3) Under Payment Category, select “Registration for Seminar and Events”

Step 4) Furnish the required details and under “Name of Event”, write “Two Credit Course On Human Rights and Social Justice: Disability, Gender, and Vulnerable Communities”. Click on Next.

Step 5) Make payment and click submit.

Step 6) Download the SBI Collect Receipt.

Once payment is done please upload proof on Google [form](#)

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