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**ON**

**Migration and Human Rights: Issues, Trends and Challenges**

The increase in international and domestic tensions across countries over the last few decades has seen the onset of an unparalleled migration crisis. Millions of persons under the strain of war, poverty or persecution have migrated within their territories or outside in search of hope. This crisis has brought forth unique challenges and it has increasingly convinced policymakers about the inadequacy of their laws and regulations. The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak has further brought the concept and implementation of a welfare state under the microscope. The institutions of representation enshrined under constitutions are currently under increasing scrutiny. Executive actions undertaken to mitigate the wide range of losses from the pandemic has been felt by citizens in the lowest economic strata of our society. The pandemic and its onset have impacted vulnerable migrant workers significantly. The restriction measures adopted by governments across the world has impacted the economic opportunities which are available to these migrants and increased the social stigma which is faced by these migrants. Consequently, it is all but probable that the impact of this pandemic and the related mitigation steps are likely to have a long-term impact on the lives of these migrants. The pandemic has triggered the crisis of distress migration and thrown up new challenges for policy action and legal reforms especially in the arena of inter-state workers migration.

This issue of the National Law University Odisha Law Journal [NLUOLJ] will look to undertake an extensive study of the debates and lacunae which exist under the broad theme of migration. This issue aiming to foster and enhance discussion on this burgeoning field of law will examine through its themes the wide-range of challenges which have been brought to the forefront through the migrant crisis, placing a special focus on the impact of COVID-19 on migration.

**Sub-Themes**

The following topics are the sub-themes under the broad heading of ‘Migration and its Related Issues’:

1. International Human Rights Law: Migrant Workers during the Pandemic.
2. Legal Service Institutions and Effective Legal Aid to address vulnerability of migrants: Practice, Issues and Challenges
3. Migrant Crisis and Children: Effectiveness of Migration Laws for Children.
4. Migration and Xenophobia: The Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 and National Register of Citizens.
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6. Federalism and the Pandemic: Response to Migration Issues.
7. Judicial Activism on Migrant Issues and COVID Pandemic.
8. Policy Review of Indian Labour Laws: Experiences from the Pandemic.
9. Labour migration in India: Human rights issues and social protection policies.
10. Access to health care for the migrant workers- policy, practice and current issues.
11. Migration and Human Development: Context and Challenges.
12. Education of children of migrant workers: policy, practice and prospects.

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