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U.G.C. Sponsored One-day State Level Seminar  
on  
**HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH AWARENESS**  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017

The question of human rights has been a fundamental issue in the twenty-first century. With the opening of borders, the movement of labour and different political and socio-economic changes, human rights has become the foundation of all discussions related to belonging, citizenship, gender, race, creed and caste. However, even if common people have become more aware of human rights, there have also been grave infringements of human rights, the most devastating example of which has been 1940s Germany, with the extermination of Jews. While most nations have over years condemned such breakdowns as the Holocaust, however they have continued to increase their bloody legacy, the most recent of which being the Syrian crisis, Yazidi crisis and the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar.

The concept of human rights encapsulates much more than just rights to belonging and life. It includes most importantly, along with its various tenets, the right to live respectfully and with the freedom to follow one's own interests.

An often ignored tenet of human rights is health awareness. Health rights for everyone has been a continuing effort for all activists, however it remains a distant reality.

The English Department of Umeschandra College is organizing a one-day U.G.C. – Sponsored State level Seminar on 'Human Rights & Health Awareness' on 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2017 at Umeschandra College Campus. This Seminar aims to read human rights through the lens of its multifarious forms, ranging from migrant rights, minorities rights, gender rights, women's rights to the often overlooked children's rights. Its focus will be to understand the dialectics that prevail between the state and rights and the problems that persist in achieving and maintaining a social and political sphere where human rights is a lived reality rather an unfulfilled dream.

Papers of **3500 words (maximum)** are invited from students, scholars and academics on different aspects of human rights and health awareness. Possible topics and areas of focus may include, but are not restricted to:-

- Human rights in conflict zones
- Migrant and citizen rights
- Women's rights
- LGBT rights
- Literature as a form of questioning into rights given by State
- Law and the process of Redressal of rights
- Literature as protest for human rights
- Child rights
- Tribal areas and rights of the indigenous tribes
- Case-studies of human rights violations and social justice
- Health rights as an important addition to basic human rights
- Role of health organizations in conflict zones

Participants are requested to send in their abstracts of no more than **300 words** along with six keywords and author's brief bio-notes (**85 words**) by **17<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**. Selected abstracts will be notified by **19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**.


Email your abstracts to [umeschandracollege@gmail.com](mailto:umeschandracollege@gmail.com). Selected papers will be published in an edited volume after a blind peer review.

**Registration details:-**

Students – INR 200/-

Scholars/Academics – INR 300/-

  
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