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on

ADVANCING RIGHT TO FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN INDIA: HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University(A Central University) Lucknow was established by an Act passed by the Parliament (No. 58 of 1994). The University came into existence on 10.01.1996 vide GOI, Ministry of HRD, Education Department Notification No. 8-16/GOI/desk/U-1 dated 05.01.1996. The basic philosophy and policies of the University are spelled out and enshrined in the University Act and Statutes.

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

The Department of Law started from Session 2008-09 within the School of Legal Studies offering LL.M, Ph.D and BBA LL.B. (H) programs. The NIRF ranking of the Department is 12th Position in 2025. The main objective of the Department is to impart legal education and to bring the students into social and legal services, make them self-employed and get them placed in various governmental and non-governmental organizations. The Department of Law offers a two-year LL.M. Program spread over four semesters with specialization in Environmental Law, Administrative Law, Intellectual Property Rights and Criminal Laws. The LL.M. program is designed to inculcate research skills and analytical abilities in the students.

The Department of Law also offers a full-time Ph.D. program under the guidance and supervision of esteemed and eminent faculty members. The Ph.D. Programme provides for constant guidance and support to the research scholars to enhance the quality of their research and to encourage innovative research. BBA LL.B. (H) is five years integrated Under-Graduate Programme run by the Department of Law with the objective to provide world class education in the field of Law and management. Wherein the students are taught subjects related to Law and Business Administration.

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ABOUT NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION , INDIA



The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India was established on 12 October, 1993. The statute under which it is established is the Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993 as amended by the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2006. It is in conformity with the Paris Principles adopted at the first International Workshop on National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights held in Paris in October 1991, and endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its Regulations 48/134 of 20 December, 1993.

The NHRC is an embodiment of India's concern for the promotion and protection of human rights.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



It is both a privilege and a pleasure to welcome you all to this One Day National Seminar on "*Advancing Right to Food Security and Nutrition in India: A Human Rights Perspective*", organized by the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University(A Central University) Lucknow, in collaboration with *the* National Human Rights Commission of India. This occasion reflects not merely an academic exercise, but also a collective endeavour to deepen our understanding of an integral fundamental right that lies at the very core of human sustenance, life and dignity. At the very outset, let us remind ourselves of the timeless wisdom in the words: अन्नं हि प्राणिनां प्राणः (Annam hi prāṇinām prāṇaḥ) which means Food is indeed the life-force of all living beings. This profound assertion from our philosophical tradition captures the essence of today's deliberations, reminding us that the right to food is not only a matter of existence but the foundation of dignified life itself.

Over the past three decades of my engagement with legal education, I have consistently observed that the most enduring questions of law pertain to life itself. The right to food and nutrition is not a question of charity or benevolence; it is anchored in our Constitution under the guarantee of life and liberty, and reinforced by universal human rights norms. To deny this right is to deny the very essence of human existence. Hence, our deliberations today are not confined to theoretical discourse but to carrying out an urgent moral and constitutional responsibility. The presence of NHRC as a co-organizer bestow immense weight to this seminar. The tireless commitment of NHRC, India in protecting rights and addressing systemic exclusions ensures that our dialogue is firmly grounded in both institutional credibility and lived realities. It is only through such collaborations that academic inquiry can meaningfully inform policy, and policy, in turn, can serve the cause of justice.

I am deeply grateful to the NHRC members, distinguished colleagues from the legal fraternity, eminent scholars, faculty, and students whose participation enriches this platform. Your contributions today will not only advance the intellectual contours of this theme but also outline pathways toward reforms that bring us closer to a society where no one goes hungry and nutrition is not a privilege but a right enjoyed by all.

As we begin, we invite you to approach these discussions with both intellectual rigor and human sensitivity. Let this seminar stand as a reminder that academic inquiry, when combined with moral conviction, has the power to shape transformative change. May our collective efforts today strengthen the foundations of justice, equality, and human dignity by making the right to food and nutrition a lived reality in India.

Warm Regards,
Prof. (Dr.) Sudarshan Verma,
Director of the Seminar,
Department of Law, SLS,
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

ABOUT THE SEMINAR THEME

One Day National Seminar on *"Advancing Right to Food Security and Nutrition in India: A Human Rights Perspective," is being* organized by the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (A Central University), Lucknow, in collaboration with *the* National Human Rights Commission of India. Right to food security and nutrition symbolises a foundational necessity for human survival and societal progress. Food is far greater than just a biological requirement, it is an indispensable human right that ensures individual well-being, productivity, and national development. The right to food and nutrition derives its normative foundation from the Directive Principles of State Policy, particularly Article 39(a) and Article 47 of the Indian Constitution, which obligates the State to secure adequate means of livelihood, raise levels of nutrition, and improve public health. Therefore, the National Food Security Act, 2013 supports these constitutional aspirations into justiciable entitlements, ensuring subsidized access to quality food across the population through targeted distribution systems and nutritional support.

The Global Hunger Index, 2025 ranks India 102nd out of 123 countries placing it within the "serious" hunger category. This highlights the multidimensional nature of hunger, poverty, gender disparity, and access inequality thus, emphasizing the urgent need for systemic reforms to strengthen governance mechanisms, ensure equitable distribution and promote sustainable dietary diversity. The Government of India has advanced multiple welfare policies to reinforce the nutritional dimension of food security. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), has initiated nationwide programmes such as the "Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan" and Poshan Maah 2025, which aligns with the national vision of a Viksit Bharat by2047, positioning food security and nutrition as foundational elements of inclusive and sustainable socio economic progress. Even on the global stage, India has strongly affirmed its commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 2 of Zero Hunger in the 2nd United Nations Food Systems Summit Stocktake held from 27–29 July 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Despite legislative frameworks, the persistence of hunger and malnutrition continues to challenge India's developmental agenda.

Against this background, the present seminar aims to foster interdisciplinary discourse on the issues and challenges faced by the right to food security in India. It seeks to examine linkages between constitutional mandates, statutory measures, international commitments to achieve food security, safety and public health nutrition. The Department of Law extends its sincere gratitude to the National Human Rights Commission of India for its continued support and constructive partnership in this academic endeavour. Through scholarly engagement and collaborative reflection, the seminar aspires to contribute to India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 to achieve its aim of food security, sustainable agriculture, access to nutritious, affordable and safe food across ages, genders, regions, and socio-economic backgrounds.

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SUB-THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

1. Constitutional and Legal Foundations of the Right to Food in India.
2. Implementation and Impact of the National Food Security Act 2013.
3. Public Interest Litigation and Enforcement of Food Rights.
4. A Human Rights Perspective on Social Accountability and Transparency in Food Security Programs.
5. Protection of Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups under Food Security Laws.
6. Gender-Sensitive Food Security Policies under "Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan".
7. Human Rights Commissions and Food Security.
8. International Obligations and Human Rights Commitments towards Global Food Security Frameworks.
9. Legal and Nutritional Implications of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.
10. Role of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in Nutrition Security.
11. Interlinkages between Food Security and Public Health Policy.
12. Addressing Malnutrition through Food Fortification and Policy Measures.
13. India's Commitment Towards SDG 2: Zero Hunger and the Global Hunger Index 2025.
14. Food Security Action Plan for Tribal and Remote Populations.
15. Civil Society, Grassroots Movements, and Ethical Dimensions of Food Security.
16. Climate Change and Environmental Impacts on Food Security.
17. Agricultural Innovation and Traditional Knowledge for Food Security.
18. Advancing Nutrition Security through the Food Processing and Agri-Tech Sectors.
19. Private Sector Roles and Corporate Social Responsibility in Food Security.
20. Food Waste Reduction and Efficient Supply Chains.
21. Reimagining Food and Nutrition Security for a Developed India: The Viksit Bharat @2047 Mission.
22. Prevention and Control of Adulteration for Safe, Secure, and Nutritious Food System.

And all other related and relevant sub-themes.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite submissions from academicians, legal practitioners, research scholars, undergraduate and postgraduate students encompassing but not limited to the themes mentioned herein. The provided sub themes are indicative but not exhaustive. Research papers addressing another sub-theme related to the main theme of the Seminar are also welcome.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- Author(s) is requested to send their abstracts, not exceeding 350 words in font size 12, Times New Roman font in MS word with 1.5 line spacing and Margins of 2.5 cm (1 inch) along with 5 keywords.
- For supporting information, each abstract submission must include a cover page containing the Author's Name, Designation, Department, Institution, Email ID, Contact Number, and Official Address.
- Abstracts will undergo peer review by the Seminar Organising Committee, Department of Law, BBAU. Selected abstracts will be invited for final paper submissions and presentations.

Guidelines for Full Paper Submission

- All submissions must be in English or Hindi. The paper must be original, unpublished, and presented for the first time. The submissions must be in Microsoft Word and PDF format both (.doc, .docx, and .pdf).
- A written declaration regarding the originality of the work must accompany the submission, confirming no copyright infringement.
- Co-authorship (limited to one co-author) is allowed, and both must register; only registered participants with accepted submissions can present.
- The research paper should be between 6000-8000 words, including citations and references. Author(s) is solely responsible for the accuracy of facts, opinions, and views in their manuscripts.
- Papers must address the seminar's theme with clearly defined research questions and findings. The manuscript must have less than 10% plagiarism. Papers violating this may be disqualified at any stage.
- The font style should be Times New Roman; font size should be 12 pt. for the main text, 14 pt. (bold and center-aligned) for headings,13 pt. (sentence case and left-aligned) for sub-headings. Footnotes must be in 10 pt. Line spacing should be 1.5 for the main text and 1.0 for footnotes. Margins should be set to 1 inch on all sides.
- Prior registration is mandatory. Only registered participants with complete paper submissions will be allowed to present.

- The organizing committee is not responsible for any copyright infringements by the authors. All communication must be directed to: **bbaunhrc2026@gmail.com** .
- All referencing and footnoting shall strictly adhere to the Indian Law Institute (ILI) Style of Citation.
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Important Dates

Abstract Submission: 22 December, 2025
Abstract Acceptance: 25 December, 2025
Full Paper Submission: 15 January, 2026,
Last Date for Registration: 10 January, 2026

Please send your contributions to - bbaunhrc2026@gmail.com

Registration Fee for Participants

1. Academician, Delegates and Professionals: Rs. 1,000 /-
2. Research Scholars: Rs. 850/-
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Accommodation

Accommodation for outstation participants will be provided on cost basis on request, subject to prior intimation and availability.
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