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Under the joint auspices of the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, A One-day Basic Training Programme on Human Rights Education was conducted on 18th December, 2018 at Alagappa University.



Inaugurating the training programme, Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University said that human rights is the universal phenomenon and the Indian culture has all along been giving due importance to human dignity. He added that in the Tamil Sangam Literature there are references to human rights and gender equality. The French revolution which laid stress on “Liberty, Equality and Fraternity”, paved the way for the emergence of modern human rights movements. And it emphasised and sought only political rights for people. It does not refer to Gender Equality which has become a very important issue in a modern world. Interestingly the study of Sangam Poetry has revealed the Civil Rights enjoyed by women. The anchor-sheet of Human Rights is Tolerance, he added. The emperor Ashoka, he said, permitted his people to profess any faith, religion or sect, but with the condition “not to disturb others”. After the First World War, Japan, one of the victorious countries, demanded racial equality on par with European countries.

While talking about the human rights, one has to remember the duties, he added. Rights and Duties are the two sides of the same coin. One should not simply speak about human rights but should practice it in one’s routine life. And he expressed his happiness over the training programme for it would impart the knowledge and skills for the practice of human rights in real life situations.

In his special address Prof.Raja Muthirulandi, (Hon.Project Director, Human Rights Education, Tiruchirappalli) stated that the words “Human Rights” are chanted as “mantra” throughout the world today. He said “Social Freedom” meant freedom from violence, freedom from wants, freedom from exploitation, freedom from dishonour, freedom from untimely death (due to uncontrollable diseases). The speaker recalled the contribution of India to the formulation of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights by UNESCO. Mahatma Gandhi, Prof.Humayun Kabir, and Dr.S.V.Puntakar contributed their valuable views to the forming of the Declaration. He added that it has become imperative in the strife torn world of today to inculcate the culture of human rights in the minds of the young people.

Earlier Prof. K.R. Murugan, Head, Department of Social Work and Dean- Faculty of Arts while welcoming the participants, highlighted the objectives of the training programme. Prof. K.P.Ganesan from Trichy, offered his felicitations. Prof. T.R.Gurumoorthy, Syndicate Member, delivered the valedictory address. At the end of the programme Mr.J.Vignesh Sabarikiran proposed a vote of thanks. 200 students from the affiliated colleges of Alagappa University and University Departments attended the training programme.

The training was offered by Dr.K.Manimekalai, Professor & Head, Department of Women’s Studies, Fr.Cyril, Director, GANSOVILLE, Dr.K.Latha, Assistant Professor, Government Law College, Trichy and Dr.M.Prabavathy, Assistant Professor & Head, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, Trichy.

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