

PROJECT GUIDELINES

(MAHR-510)

MAXIMUM MARKS-100

MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Suggested Areas of Research

Students may select one of the following themes or propose a topic with the approval of the project supervisor:

- Public Interest Litigation and Human Rights
- Right to Equality and Anti-Discrimination
- Children's Rights
- Freedom of Speech and Expression
- Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Privacy and Digital Rights
- Environmental and Climate Justice
- Labour Rights and Human Rights
- LGBTQIA+ Rights Litigation
- Custodial Violence and Prisoners' Rights
- Access to Justice as a Human Right
- Business and Human Rights
- Human Trafficking and Victims' Rights
- Socio-economic Rights
- Health Rights
- Education Rights

Students may also conduct comparative studies involving domestic and international jurisdictions.

Scope of the Project

The project should include:

- Historical development of the selected right
- Constitutional and statutory framework
- International and regional human rights instruments
- Critical analysis
- Emerging challenges
- Comparative perspectives (where applicable)
- Recommendations policy reforms

Research Methodology

Students should primarily adopt doctrinal legal research. Where appropriate, empirical methods such as interviews, questionnaires, or case studies may be incorporated with prior approval of the supervisor.

Recommended sources include:

- Constitutions
- Statutes
- Judicial decisions
- International treaties and conventions

- Reports of international organizations
- Government reports
- Law Commission reports
- Academic books
- Peer-reviewed journal articles
- NGO reports
- Official databases

Suggested Structure of the Project

Chapter 1

Introduction

- Background
- Statement of the Problem
- Research Questions
- Objectives
- Scope
- Research Methodology
- Literature Review
- Limitations

Chapter 2

Legal and Conceptual Framework

- Concept of Human Rights
- Evolution of Human Rights
- Constitutional Framework
- International Human Rights

Chapter 3

Judicial Framework and Case Law

- National Courts
- Regional Human Rights Courts
- International Human Rights Mechanisms
- Landmark Judgments

Chapter 4

Critical Analysis

- Issues and Challenges
- Effectiveness of Litigation
- Comparative Analysis
- Role of Civil Society
- Role of National Human Rights Institutions

Chapter 5

Findings and Recommendations

- Major Findings
- Conclusions
- Policy Recommendations
- Future Directions

Expected Length

- 60-70 A4 pages (excluding bibliography and appendices)
- In English:- Font -Times New Roman, 12-point
- In Hindi:- Front –Unicode 14 -point

