

# HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER

Human Rights Lawyers fight for individuals or groups of people who have been denied basic human rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution of India. They work to ensure that the basic rights of every human being, especially disadvantaged groups such as LGBTQ, women, differently abled persons, ethnic and religious minorities etc are protected.

## PERSONAL COMPETENCIES



- You like helping people
- You like to get into discussion about issues
- You are interested to work for a charitable institution
- You can comfortably talk with all kinds of people



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 9,000-2,00,000\***

*\*These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Aditya Birla Scholarship and GEV Memorial Merit Scholarship** for Law Students are among some of the scholarships specifically available for law students.
  - **National Scholarship Portal** - Visit [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in). Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments\*
  - Visit [www.buddy4study.com](http://www.buddy4study.com) - This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI\*
- \*(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)*

## LOANS

• **VidyaLakshmi**, [www.vidyalakshmi.co.in](http://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in), is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA). Students can view, apply and track the education loan applications on the website.

- All banks give education loans.



## ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10 + 2 in any stream
  2. Complete a Bachelor's degree (BA/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/LLB) in any subject followed by a Master's degree in Human Rights Law
- Or
2. Complete a Bachelor's degree (BA/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/LLB) in any subject followed by a PG Diploma in Human Rights Law
  3. For admissions into Law colleges, you must qualify entrance exams such as CLAT, AILET, LSAT, MH CET Law, TS LAW CET, AP LAW CET, DU LLB, PU LLB, SLS AIAT

*Please check the duration of the course during enrolment*



## EXPECTED INCOME

*\*The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Human Rights Lawyer ranges between **INR 20,000 - INR 35,000\*** per month.

Source: [ambitionbox.com/salaries/human-rights-law-network-salaries/advocate-lawyer](http://ambitionbox.com/salaries/human-rights-law-network-salaries/advocate-lawyer)



## WHERE WILL YOU WORK

**Places of Work:** Human Rights Courts, Public Prosecution, Legal Consultancy Firm, Non-governmental Organizations, Human Rights Agencies, Social Welfare Departments, Corporates, Media Houses

**Entrepreneurship:** You can work as a consultant or a freelancer.

**Work Environment:** This is not a desk job and you will need to travel to different geographies, even remote (eg. for collecting evidences). You may have to work with a team with extended working hours.

*Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field.*

### EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Intern/Trainee Lawyer → Junior Associate  
→ Associate → Senior Associate  
OR  
Intern → Junior Advocate → Advocate →  
Senior Advocate

## WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

**This course is offered by the Department of Law.**

\*This list of institutes is indicative only.

### GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. National Law School, Bangalore
2. National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam
3. Osmania University, Hyderabad
4. Govt. Law College, Kozhikode
5. Indian Institute of Legal Studies, West Bengal
6. Uttarakhand Open University
7. Law College, Dehradun
8. National Law University, Sonapat

### PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if the Institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC before applying)

1. Desh Bhagat University, Punjab
2. Christ College of Law, Bangalore
3. NEF Law College, Guwahati
4. Amity University, Noida
5. Army Institute of Law, Punjab
6. Ashoka Law College, J & K
7. G. D Goenka University, Gurgaon
8. BMS College of Law, Bengaluru
9. Azim Premji University, Bengaluru
10. IILM University, Gurgaon

Information on the institute rankings can be found at - <https://org/2022/Ranking.html>

### DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTES

IGNOU (Certificate in Human Rights)

### ONLINE COURSE

1. NPTEL\* Swayam-  
[onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec20\\_hs24/preview](https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec20_hs24/preview)

\*NPTEL-National Programme in Technology Enhanced Learning. It is by the Government of India and offers a variety of courses in an audio - video form

### EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

**Sunil Gurmukh** is a human rights lawyer and visiting lecturer at Western Law, Canada. He has a B.Com from Queen's University (2005) and an LL.B. from Western University (2008). He has been recognized for his human rights work and awarded the 2016 Precedent Setter Award and 2017 Hennessy V.S.O.P. Privilege Award and member of Bay Street Bull's 2017 Power 50 Guide.\*

Source: [law.uwo.ca/about\\_us/faculty/sunil\\_gurmukh.html](https://law.uwo.ca/about_us/faculty/sunil_gurmukh.html)

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