



Notice for the PhD Viva-Voce Examination

Ms Sincy Wilson (Registration Number: 1760072), PhD scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Saturday, 29 June 2024 at 11.30 am in Room No. 044, Ground Floor, R & D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029.

Title of the Thesis	:	The Status of Climate Refugees with Special Reference to Human Rights: A Critical Study
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

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Place: Bengaluru
Date: 24 June 2024

ABSTRACT

Climate change is arguably the biggest problem of the twenty-first century. Climate change results in forceful migration of people from one nation to another but many find refuge within their own country. With climate change, the number of 'climate refugees' will rise in the future. Research studies shows that, there is a gap in the protection of such people who are often described as 'climate refugees' is that there is neither a clear definition for this category of people, nor are they covered by the 1951 Refugee Convention. In changing situations, the traditional definition and understanding of the concepts of 'refugee' and 'protection' may both need to change to accommodate new situations and circumstances that arise. "This new category of 'refugee' needs to find a place in international agreements.

This research study seeks to reveal whether the existing international framework is covering the climate refugees issue adequate or not in view of the challenges of the 21st century and to demonstrate how international organizations address the problems faced by people forced to move due to climate change. When climate refugees cross borders in the event of a change in the climate, efforts must be made to ensure that their rights to life, health, safety, and shelter are protected by human rights laws. If other alternatives cannot be used right away, protection must be offered according to this framework.

Keywords: - climate change, climate refugees, human rights, international conventions, natural disaster, migration etc.

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