

## WB NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

### **CERTIFICATE COURSE ON PROTECTION OF CONSUMER RIGHT TO HEALTH AND PHYSICAL SAFETY**

**About the course:** '*Right to health and physical safety*' is regarded as one of the most fundamental right of the consumers in current context. The UN Guidelines on Consumer Protection provide that member states are required to adopt appropriate measures, including legal systems, safety regulations, national or international standards, voluntary standards and the maintenance of safety records to ensure that products are safe for either intended or normally foreseeable use. Indian Parliament has time to time enacted, consolidated and amended various legislations and rules that intend this purpose. These legal norms and regulatory institutions aim to secure that those responsible for bringing goods to the market (e.g. suppliers, exporters, importers, retailers) should ensure that while in their care these goods are safe for consumers and not become hazardous through improper handling or storage. But more importantly its noted that Consumers are required to be educated and sensitized on proper use of goods and informed of the risks involved in intended or normally foreseeable use. In this context this course aims

WBNUJS Kolkata, supported by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India, has therefore introduced this Certificate Course to sensitize and educate the consumers about the existing legal mechanisms, regulatory institutions and various norms that are developed for securing consumer '*right to health and physical safety*'

#### **Important dates relating to the course:**

- **Deadline for receipt of application of candidates: April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2016**
- **Date of the contact classes: April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
- **Date of publication of results and award of certificate: May 15<sup>th</sup> , 2016**

#### **Course components**

- Overview of Consumer Protection in India
- The Right to Health & Safety vis-à-vis Food & Drugs
- Directive Principle of State Policies and Consumer Right to health and safety of consumer
- Food Safety Act and allied rules
- Drugs & Cosmetics Act, the drugs (Prices Control) Order
- Draft National Health Policy
- Genetically Modified Foods – Key Concerns
- Medical Negligence and Consumer Protection Act

**Faculty:** The course will be taught by the WBNUJS faculties and experts from the Food Safety Sector and Consumer Advocates will be invited to deliver lectures.

**Course duration:** Three weeks

**Qualification required:** Completed Higher Secondary (10+2) education.

**Study Kit and Certificate:** The enrolled candidates will be provided a study kit containing materials and information on the various topics to be covered under the course; course schedule, writing pad and pen. Also candidates who successfully complete the course will award a certificate at the end of the program.

**Contact classes:** to be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Attending the contact classes is mandatory.

**Examination:** The final examination will be conducted on a notified date and time. The examination paper will contain objective type questions. Minimum 40% of marks must be obtained by the candidates to pass. Subject to successful completion of the course candidates will be awarded certificate.

**Fee structure:**

Sl. No.	Fee head	Amount
1.	Application fee	Rs. 1000
	Total	Rs. 1000

**Note:** The registration and examination fee must be paid along with the application form. Fees once paid would not be refunded.

### **Guidelines on Application**

Candidates must make the payment of fee by way of demand draft for Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) drawn in favor of 'WBNUJS' payable at Kolkata. The filled in application form along with the demand draft must be sent to the contact address given below before April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Applicant should mention their name and contact number in the backside of the demand draft.

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