

ABSTRACT

A SANSKRITIC RESPONSIBILITY OF NON-REFOULEMENT: INDIA'S ROHINGYAN CRISIS

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India has never shirked off its Sanskritic philosophy and responsibility of '*Atithi Deva Bhava*', which means the guest is equivalent to God. Looking after guests selflessly is considered a divine duty for many Indians. Ironically the threat of deportation of the oppressed Rohingya community in India stands to change this age old practice. The Rohingya's are stateless people from the Rakhine State of Mynamar that face serious persecution which has forced them to flee in pursuit of greener pastures, where the fear of **ethnic cleansing** doesn't loom large over their heads. The question that greatly troubles the international community today is that, who will restore a status of decent standard of living for the **displaced Rohingyas**? The role of international pressure being built to the extent of Mynmar taking back their nationals needs to be seriously considered. However it seems, that with **the devil-may-care attitude of Mynmar**, it is on its way to join the likes of the other **pariah states** like that of Syria and North Korea. Moreover the silence of the country's de-facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi, a robust apostle of democracy and **human rights** is not only shocking, but is quite a blemish to her Nobel Peace Prize status-quo, considering the fact that the Rohingya crisis is a **glaring human rights catastrophe**, in her own backyard. Hence this paper has been written with the objective to ascertain the position of the highly hunted ethnic group with respect to **the principle of non-refoulement**, and the responsibility that India owes towards it in lieu of the same.