

Third Phase of World Programme for Human Rights Education (2015-2019) - Initiatives of NHRC, India (2015-2017)

Keeping in view the Plan of Action of the Third Phase of World Programme for Human Rights Education, the Training Division of the NHRC, India undertook number of training programmes and other initiatives focussing on human rights education for identified target groups like teachers, district officials, law enforcement officials and military personnel working at different levels during 2015-2017. Some of the major programmes and initiatives have been detailed out in subsequent paragraphs.

Training Programmes Organized by NHRC

2015-2016

During the financial year April 2015 to March 2016, the NHRC, India approved 90 training programmes of 70 technical government institutes/ police training institutes/administrative training institutes/universities/colleges/ NGOs in human rights. Many of these were organized with specific objectives relating to human rights training of trainers, teachers, BSF personnel, police personnel, CBI personnel, district officials, representatives of non-governmental and civil society organizations. Out of these, 71 training programmes were conducted by 59 institutions. In addition, 09 training programmes to be conducted during 2014-2015 were also organized, taking the overall total to 80.

2016-2017

During the financial year 2016-2017, the NHRC, India approved 275 training programmes of 125 institutions/universities and colleges in human rights and related issues like rights of children, women, vulnerable groups including right to health. Out of these, 112 training programmes were conducted by 100 institutions. In addition, 05 training programmes to be conducted during 2015-2016 were organized, taking the total to 117. The target groups for these training programmes comprised teachers teaching at the primary, secondary and higher education system, law enforcement and military personnel functioning at different levels and representatives of non-governmental and civil society organizations.

Summer & Winter Internship Programmes to Promote HRE in Higher Education

2015-2016

In order to promote HRE among students pursuing higher education, a one-month Summer Internship Programme - 2015, with 48 interns consisting of 28 females and 20 males from 11 different States and Union Territories was organized. Majority of the interns were Post-Graduate students pursuing different disciplines of social sciences while 13 were pursuing their Law Degree.

Likewise, NHRC, India organized a one-month Winter Internship Programme - 2015, wherein a total of 49 interns comprising 34 females and 15 males from 13 different States and Union Territories participated in the programme. Out of the 49 interns, half of them were found to be pursuing their Law Degree and the remaining their Post-Graduate Degree in different disciplines of social sciences.

2016-2017

The one-month Summer Internship Programme – 2016 had 50 Post-Graduate level students from different parts of the country whereas the Winter Internship Programme – 2016 had a total of 55 students from different colleges/universities of 13 States and Union Territories.

The prime aim of the Internship Programmes is to enhance awareness about different human rights issues among the students as well as expose them to the functioning of the Commission.

Short-term Internship Programmes to Promote HRE in Higher Education

2015-2016

Hundred and four students of different Universities and Colleges participated in the Short-term Internship Programme of 15 days duration.

2016-2017

Hundred and six students from various Universities and Colleges participated in the Short-term Internship Programme.

Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse Prevention

A day long State Level Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse Prevention was jointly organized by NHRC, India, Manipur University and the Department of University and Higher Education, Government of Manipur at Imphal on 18 February 2016.

Training Programme for Judicial Officers

A two-day Training Programme for District Level Judicial Officers in collaboration with the Indian Law Institute at New Delhi was organized on 3 and 4 October 2015. The programme had eight thematic sessions on human rights including Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, rights of prisoners, criminal justice system, rights of women, rights of children, rights of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, immoral trafficking among women and children, and the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.

Media Workshop

In collaboration with a Law Institute based in New Delhi, a day-long workshop on Media and Human Rights : Issues and Challenges was organized on 12 March 2016. The participants to the programme were professionals and journalists from print and electronic media, officers working for the media at the Central and State Governments, and students pursuing Journalism.

Human Rights Awareness Workshop for District Level Officers

As part of the Human Rights Awareness and Facilitating Assessment and Enforcement of Human Rights Programme in Selected 28 Backward Districts of India, a one-day Human Rights Awareness Workshop was organized each in

Champawat District of Uttarakhand (June 2016) and Kaddapa District of Andhra Pradesh (December 2016) by the Research Division of the NHRC, India.
