LAW CENTRE-II, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

in collaboration with

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

organises

ONE DAY BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMME ON 'THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORIENTATION AND NHRC EXPOSURE PROGRAMME FOR PARA LEGAL VOLUNTEERS (PLVS)

Date : 16th November 2026
TIME - 9.00 AM onwards

Venue
Moot Court Hall, Umang Bhawan
Law Centre-II, University of Delhi

ABOUT LAW CENTRE-II

Law Centre II is a premier institution imparting quality legal education to the masses for more than fifty years. Law Centre II has made a modest start from the campus of ARSD College, Dhaula Kuan in 1971 as a part of Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. It has been shifted to its current location at Umang Bhawan, Chhatra Marg, University of Delhi in 2016. It provides legal education to almost three thousand students at a time. It has a strong alumni presence in the academia, bureaucracy and legal research.

ABOUT NHRC

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India was established on 12 October, 1993. The statute under which it is established is the Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993 as amended by the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019. Section 2(1)(d) of the PHR Act, 1993 defines Human Rights as the rights relating to life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the Constitution or embodied in the International Covenants and enforceable by courts in India.

It is in conformity with the Paris Principles, adopted at the first International workshop on National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights held in Paris in October 1991, and endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its Regulations 48/134 of 20 December, 1993.

The NHRC is an embodiment of India's concern for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Background

Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) serve as the first point of contact between the legal system and the community, particularly for vulnerable and marginalised groups. In an increasingly rights-based legal framework, it is essential for PLVs to possess a foundational understanding of international human rights norms and their domestic implementation mechanisms.

The International Bill of Human Rights comprising the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) forms the cornerstone of modern human rights jurisprudence and informs constitutional interpretation, statutory protections, and institutional practices in India.

Rationale of the Programme

While PLVs are actively involved in legal aid and community outreach, there exists a need to:
sensitize them to international human rights standards,
strengthen their understanding of the constitutional and statutory protection of human rights, and
provide practical exposure to national institutions entrusted with the protection and promotion of human rights.
A structured orientation combined with an exposure visit to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) will bridge the gap between theory and practice and enhance the functional capacity of PLVs.

Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Familiarise PLVs with the International Bill of Human Rights and its relevance in India;
- Develop an understanding of the intersection between international human rights law and domestic legal remedies;
- Sensitise PLVs to issues relating to human dignity, equality, and access to justice;
- Provide firsthand exposure to the working, jurisdiction, and procedures of the NHRC; and
- Enable PLVs to identify human rights violations at the grassroots level and guide beneficiaries towards appropriate remedies.

Structure of the Programme

The programme shall consist of:

- Introduction to the International Bill of Human Rights
- Civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights in the Indian context
- Role of international human rights norms in constitutional interpretation and legal aid
- Exposure Visit to NHRC, including:
- Interaction with officials
- Understanding complaint mechanisms and inquiry procedures
- Familiarisation with NHRC's role in policy advisory, monitoring, and human rights education

Target Participants

- It is only for students of Law Centre-II.

Expected Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, expected outcomes are :

- Possess a basic yet functional understanding of international human rights principles;
- Recognise potential human rights violations in their fieldwork
- Assist victims in accessing institutional remedies, including NHRC where appropriate; and
- Act as informed human rights sensitisation agents within their communities.

EMINENT SPEAKERS



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain (Retd.)
Former Judge, Delhi High Court,
Chairperson of the Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal (DRAT), Delhi



Ms. Rashmi Singh, IAS
Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development
(Government of NCT of Delhi)



Dr. Om Prakash Vyas
Chairperson
Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR)
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Shri. M.L. Sharma
Former Central Information Commissioner,
Former Special Director,CBI



Shri. Abhitesh Kumar
Secretary,
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Last date and time for Registration -
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