

The national Human Rights Commission, New Delhi organized a **National Conference of National Human Rights Commission & State Human Rights Commissions** with a view to facilitate a meeting of the Chairpersons, Members and Officers of NHRC and SHRCs on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 from 9-30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at New Delhi. The Objectives of the Conference include:



- (i) To explore areas of co-operation and coordination between NHRC and SHRCs.
- (ii) To foster collegiality among the Chairpersons and Members of the NHRC and SHRCs.
- (iii) To identify ways and means to improve and strengthen the protection and promotion of human rights in India.
- (iv) To share experience in the management of complaints, conduct of enquiry and the compliance of recommendations made by the Commissions.

- (v) To evaluate the role being played by NGOs and Human Rights Defenders in the protection and promotion of human rights.
- (vi) To assess the cooperation and assistance rendered by the respective Governments to the NHRC and SHRCs.

Shri Naparajit Mukherjee, Hon'ble Acting Chairperson, Shri M. S. Dwivedy, Hon'ble Member, Shri Laima Choza, Shri Debasish Roy, Additional Director General of Police and Smt. Shampa Dutt (Paul), Registrar attended the **National Conference at Symposium Hall, National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), Pusa, New Delhi** on behalf of the West Bengal Human Rights Commission.

The programme was inaugurated by **Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, who delivered the inaugural address.**

The **Welcome speech** was given by **Shri S. N. Mohanty, IAS, Secretary General, NHRC and the Presidential address by Justice Shri Cyriac Joseph, Acting Chairperson, NHRC.**

The theme of the Conference was on the following subjects:

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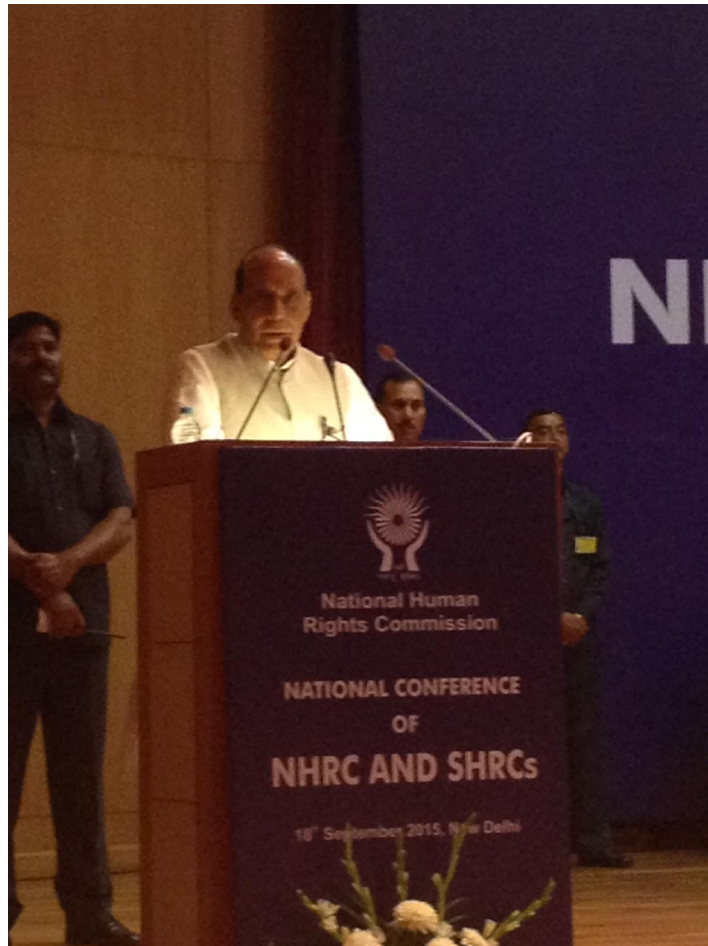
- a) How to make NHRC and SHRCs stronger and effective?
- b) Areas of co-operation and coordination between NHRC and SHRCs.
- c) Complaints Management System and interlinking of NHRC and SHRCs.
- d) Best practices in Complaint handling and enquiry.

The following points for discussion in the Conference were put forward by the West Bengal Human Rights Commission: -



1. Organisation of Seminars/Workshops by the NHRC, in Delhi, as well as in regional capitals on a rotational basis, involving SHRCs of the concerned region.

2. Sanctioning of Seminars/Workshops, etc. to NGOS after due consultation with concerned SHRC.
3. Allowing SHRCs to refer complaints received by them on matters related to Central Lists to the NHRC.
4. Convening frequent co-ordination meetings by the NHRC with SHRCs.
5. Fixing a national standard of staffing fro SHRCs by the NHRC.
6. Earmarking a certain percentage of the State Government's budget for SHRCs and related activities.
7. Expanding the role of SHRCs – from only dealing with violations of human rights, to suggesting ways and means for improvement of socio- economic conditions of the people, and making



recommendations to the Government, which, when implemented, will reduce human rights violations.

8. Framing of a standard guideline for enlisting NGOs and defenders at the State level, by the NHRC.
9. Provision of national and state toll-free phone numbers for citizens.
10. Standardization of the status, i.e., pay scale, facilities, etc. of the Chairperson, Members, Principal Secretary, ADG, IGP and Registrar on an all-India basis.
11. Inclusion of Hon'ble Chairpersons and Hon'ble Members of the NHRC and SHRCs in the protocol list of Government of India in Order of Precedence.

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Registrar  
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