

Summer Internship Programme on human rights issues for University/College students – 23
May, 2016 to 21 June, 2016

The National Human Rights Commission has an important mandate of promotion and protection of human rights in the country. While, the most important function of the Commission as per Section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 is to enquire into cases of violation of human rights, it is also mandated to human rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, the media, seminars and other available means.

The Commission has been carrying out awareness generation on human rights through all available means. While it focuses on the creation of awareness and sensitization regarding human rights issues amongst the public servants and especially, the police personnel, it also tries to raise this awareness among the students of universities/colleges. The Commission has been regularly organizing internship programmes for these students of four weeks duration twice every year. These internship programmes are organized in the months of May-June and Dec- Jan every year, so that students can utilize their vacation period for this purpose. Fifty students from different parts of the country are selected from a large number of applications received for this purpose. The objective is to give representation to all the States of the country in this programme.

During the internship programme, the students are introduced to a large number of human rights issues by experts in the field through lectures and discussions. Apart from this, they are also taken for visits to police stations, prisons, NGOs working in the field of human rights, so that they are exposed to the various human rights issues involved in relation to the working of police, prisons etc. They also work on research projects on different human rights subjects and submit a report on this basis.

The outstation students are provided to and fro railway fare for attending the internship programme. Further, they are also provided a stipend of Rs. 8,000/- for the programme. Students from Delhi and NCR region are provided a stipend of Rs.4,000/- each. At the end of the programme, the best interns are awarded a total cash prize of Rs. 15,000/.

The summer internship programme for this year is commencing on 23rd May, 2016 and this programme will be completed on 21st June, 2016. A total of 50 students from across the country have already been selected for the programme and will be participating in the same.