

**National Human Rights Commission**  
**PRP&P Division (Research Unit-II)**

**Date : 07/11/2022**

**Subject : Re-constitution of the NHRC Core Group on Human Rights Defenders and  
NGOs**

The National Human Rights Commission has reconstituted the Core Group on Human Rights Defenders and NGOs, which will now consist of the following members:

- i. **Dr. Mandakini Amte**  
Lok Biradari Prakalp (LBP)
- ii. **Ms. Enakshi Ganguly**  
Executive Director, Housing and Land Rights Network
- iii. **Ms. Bhaswati Mukherjee**  
Former Ambassador
- iv. **Ms. Sunitha Krishnan**  
Founder, Prajwala
- v. **Dr. Jitendra Singh Shunty**  
President, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sewa Dal
- vi. **Mr. Suhas Chakma**  
Director, Rights and Risks Analysis Group (RRAG)
- vii. **Mr. Sandeep Chachra**  
Executive Director, Action Aid Association
- viii. **Shri Ramchandra Kharadi**  
National President, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram
- ix. **Shri Satinath Sarangi**  
Consultant, Sambhavna Trust
- x. **Ms. Naseema Khatoon**  
Founder, Parcham
- xi. **Ms. Pushpa Girimaji**  
Consumer Rights Activist and senior journalist
- xii. **Ms. Aparajita Singh**  
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court
- xiii. **Mr. Shah Aamir**  
Advocate, Former Addt'l Advocate General - High Court of J&K and Ladakh

2. The *Terms of Reference* for the Core Group are as follows :-

- i. To identify areas of cooperation between the NHRC and HRDs/NGOs and to propose methods and approaches to work in these areas
  - ii. To jointly take up important and emerging human rights issues after taking into account the suggestion and proposals received from the NGOs and HRDs
  - iii. To devise mechanism for continuous and meaningful interaction of the Commission with the civil society
  - iv. To work in collaboration for upholding, promoting and protecting the human rights of all sections of society
  - v. To consult and interact on a regular basis for favourable outcomes on issues concerning human rights
  - vi. To review the outreach of the benefits of policies and welfare schemes and help in issuing advisories to fill policy gaps
  - vii. To consider and deliberate on any other issue relevant to the discourse of the Core Group
3. The Core Group meeting would also be attended by special invitees (up to 5) depending on the specific agenda to be discussed, with approval of the Chairperson, NHRC.
4. The Core Group will meet at regular intervals or as and when deemed necessary by the Commission. The participating Members of the Core Group will be entitled for an honorarium @ Rs. 2000/- (two thousand only) and local transportation @ Rs. 1000/- (one thousand only). The Members residing outside Delhi will also be entitled for reimbursement of economy class air fare for the to and fro journey undertaken by them to attend the Core Group meetings.
5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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