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### CIRCULAR

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has requested (Copy of Communications enclosed) to organize training programmes / seminars / workshops of one-day duration which create awareness among students on the following issues.

- to spread Human Rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, media, seminars and other available means.

In this regard, it is hereby requested to submit the proposal to the undersigned on or before 27.07.2012 for onward transmission to the Commission, New Delhi.

The Affiliated Institutions of the Pondicherry University may also submit their proposal directly to the NHRC under intimation to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Rajendran', written over a white background.

Deputy Registrar (P&D)

To

- 1) All the Deans / HoDs / Centre Heads of Pondicherry University
- 2) All Affiliated Institutions of the Pondicherry University

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**National Human Rights Commission**  
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Dear Shri Tareen,

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D.O. No. 23011/6/2012-13/Trg.  
06<sup>th</sup> June' 2012

As you are aware, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has been constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. As per this Act, the NHRC has been mandated to spread human rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, media, seminars and other available means.

Accordingly, the Commission has been holding / supporting training programmes, seminars etc. to spread awareness of human rights issues among general public as well as focused groups of people which include students of universities/colleges. We are especially keen to carry out such programmes for students in collaboration with the universities.

You are, therefore, requested to organize training programmes/seminars/ workshops of one-day duration which will create awareness among students on these issues. The issues to be covered may include the civil and political rights, like right to life, liberty and equality as well as other issues like rights of disadvantaged / weaker sections of society like SC / ST, rights of disabled, rights of elderly persons, women, children etc. For further details you may like to visit our website [www.nhrc.nic.in](http://www.nhrc.nic.in)

We would appreciate if this matter is circulated widely among and the concerned Departments and colleges of your University. They may also be requested to prepare proposals to this effect which may be sent to us indicating also the expenditure on logistics like arrangement of venue, resource persons, reading material, lunch, tea etc. These expenditures up to Rs.50,000/- per programme will be borne by NHRC apart from extending support in the form of providing reading material and resource persons to the extent possible.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

**Prof. J.A.K. Tareen**  
The Vice Chancellor  
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D.O. No. 1/1/2006-PRP&P

30 March 2012

Dear Prof. Tareen,

The National Human Rights Commission has been making efforts to spread human rights literacy among various sections of society as per its mandate under Section 12 (h) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. As part of these efforts, some initiatives were also taken to spread human rights education at school and university level. This issue is of importance, considering the fact that human rights education has a catalytic effect in promoting and protecting human rights and preventing human rights violation.

At the University level, the Commission had earlier proposed measures such as:

- i) That the subject of human rights, in all of its dimensions, may find a clear place in the curriculum of the University;
- ii) That research, seminars and publications concerning human rights should be furthered;
- iii) That the Commission would encourage linkages between the academic community and non-governmental organizations so that the best academic minds can bring their talents to bear up on the practical work being done by such groups, and
- iv) That the Commission would welcome continuing contact with the Universities in these areas and that it would help, within its means and possibilities..

As per the information then received by the Commission, 35 universities/colleges had introduced courses on human rights at certificate/diploma/PG level with financial assistance from UGC.

You are requested to apprise the Commission about the current status of the human rights education being imparted in your university and steps taken in this regard. Your feedback will assist us in taking a holistic view of the existing human rights education at university level and initiating further measures considered necessary in this area.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Rajiv Sharma)

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