



National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

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According to NHRC, Human Rights are 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

- Watchdog of Human Rights in India
- **Estd:** 1993 (in conformity with Universal Declaration of Human Rights)
- **Act:** Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993

State Human Rights Commissions

- Also constituted under the PHR Act, 1993
- **Appointment of Members:** by Governor
- **Removal of Members:** by President

Human Rights Day: 10 December

Functions

- ↳ Investigates Complaints of human rights violations
- ↳ *Suo Moto* cognizance of cases
- ↳ Reviews and recommends human rights implementation
- ↳ Spreading human rights awareness
- ↳ Conduct studies, publish reports on human rights issues

Powers

- ↳ Summon individuals, examine witnesses, and receive evidences
- ↳ Inspect prisons and other institutions to ensure conditions are humane
- ↳ Intervene in court proceedings relating to human rights

Members of NHRC

Composition

- ↳ 5 full-time members and 7 deemed members
- ↳ **Chairperson:** Retired CJI/Judges of the SC
- ↳ **Administrative Head:** Secretary-General

Appointment

- ↳ All members appointed by **President** on recommendations of a **6-member** committee (PM, Speaker of LS, Deputy Chairman of RS, Union Home Minister and Leaders of Opposition of both Houses of Parliament)

Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Status

- NHRC has been accredited '**A**' Status since 1999
- **Retained 'A' Status:** 2006, 2011 and 2017
- **Suspension of 'A' Status:** 2023 and 2024

Tenure

- ↳ 3 years / till age 70 (whichever is earlier)

Removal

- ↳ President can remove the chairman or any member
- ↳ **Ground:** Charges of proved misbehaviour or incapacity



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