

WHAT IS NCHRO?

The Confederation of Human Rights Organizations (CHRO) was established as an umbrella body of various human rights and civil rights organizations and activists in May 1997 at Calicut in a largely attended national conference on human rights organized by erstwhile National Development Front, Kerala. The founders wanted to take human rights activities to the people rather than holding occasional seminars and indoor meetings on Dec 10, International Human Rights Day as a weekend pastime of jurists, retired officials and their ilk. The common people were the focus for they were mainly the victims of rights violations due to high handedness of the authorities especially the police and ignorance of law.

The first chairman of CHRO was K Panur veteran activist who first highlighted the plight of Adivasis in Wayanad District, Kerala. Mukundan C Menon, the renowned journalist became the first general secretary.

In earlier days the confederation restricted its activities to Kerala. The necessity of strengthening human rights defenders and the need for a better coordination of the ongoing efforts in various parts of the country was discussed in various meetings held at New Delhi, Bangalore, Calicut and Trivandrum and it was decided to make the confederation a pan –Indian movement. In a meeting held in Mumbai on 26 June 2007 CHRO became national. Justice Hospet Suresh was the chairman Ad K P Muhammd Shareef, the general secretary.

The confederation seeks to function as a collective body of human, democratic and civil rights organizations/ non- governmental bodies as well as of the concerned individuals in order to achieve the following broad objectives through coordinated and collective activity. It is apolitical and is concerned with rights violations of all hues.

Aims and Objects

To unite and act against all forms of violations perpetrated against the basic rights, whether natural or constitutional, of the traditionally oppressed, suppressed and exploited sections within the society, namely Dalits, Adivasis, minorities, Backward Classes, women and children.

To collectively protest against all forms of state repression and violation of existing laws, as well as to protect the interests of all victims of such violations through set legal remedies guaranteed by the Constitution of India.

To create awareness of human rights and raise mass consciousness against human rights violations by undertaking public campaigns like bringing out regular information bulletins, setting- up documentation centres, publishing books, and organizing seminars, public meetings, symposia, debates, discussions, etc. at different places of the country and also through human rights watch groups established for the purpose.

To help all people who face hardship in and outside the country as victims of various forms of

violation, and /or state neglect / apathy through legal remedies, and/or by putting pressure on state / central authorities to act for their protection and safety, as well as by seeking the help of like – minded human rights bodies functioning inside or outside the country.

Membership

Individual Membership

Any adult Indian citizen can become member of the confederation provided he/she subscribes to aims and objects of the Confederation and is ready to work to achieve the said objects on payment of membership as prescribed by the Confederation from time to time.

Organizational Membership

Any organization or institution subscribing to the aims and objects of the Confederation can become member of the confederation.

Activities

The activities include public campaigns, fact-finding missions, publications, workshops, awareness campaigns and networking with other rights bodies and activists.

NCHRO has chapters in Kerala.Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Goa, New Delhi and Odisha and has become the largest human rights organization in the country.

The **current office bearers** are the following:-

1. Prof. A Marx, Chennai - Chairperson
2. Ashok Kumari, New Delhi - Vice Chairperson
3. Adv. KP Muhammed Shareef, Manjeri - Vice Chairperson
4. Prof. P Koya, Calicut - General Secretary
5. Adv. A Muhammed Yusuf, Madurai - Secretary
6. Reny Ayline, Trivandrum - Secretary
7. Narendra Mohatny, Odisha - Treasurer
8. Mohamed Janib, Bengaluru - National Coordinator

Executive Council :-

The NCHRO-Executive Council consists of 13 independent experts who have recognized competence in the field of human rights. Newly elected exco members are below :-

9. Prof. R Ramesh, Bengaluru
10. Prof. Shamsul Islam, New Delhi
11. Prof. Nagari Babayya, Bengaluru
12. A K. Ankodia, Rajasthan
13. G. Sukumaran , Puduchery
14. Ansar Indori, New Delhi
15. Sreenivasa Rao, Kurnool
16. Jyoti Jagaobha Jagtap, Pune
17. Vilayodi Shivankutty, Kerala
18. Adv. Karthik Navayan, Secundrabad
19. Muhammed Kakkinje, Mangalore
- 20 Adv. Saifan Shaikh, Pune
- 21 Adv Bhavani Mohan, Erode

Special Invitees:-

1. Adv. S Balan, Bengaluru
2. Adv. M A Shakeel, Hyderabad
3. Adv. B. Suresh Kumar, Hyderabad
4. Sharafudheen M K, Kerala
5. Rupali Jadhav, Pune
6. Adv. Rajani Madurai
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