

On Fri, Aug 25, 2023 at 4:11 PM SRINIVASA KAMMATH <hrd-nhrc@nic.in> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Human Rights Commission is going to organize an Interactive Session with the Organizations/ Individuals working in the field of protection of human rights at 11.30 AM on 05.09.2023 in its office at GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023. The Interactive Session shall be chaired by the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Commission Shri Justice Arun Mishra, during which the Commission will listen their views and suggestions on various human rights issues. The participants may join either through online mode on the link provided in their email address, or may attend physically, as per their choice and convenience.

You are, therefore, requested to join the Interactive Session, as mentioned above, which may be very useful in making strategies for better protection and promotion of human rights.

Please acknowledge the above invitation by confirming your participation by 31st August, 2023 specifying the mode of joining the interactive session.

Yours sincerely,

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Media Release

The All India Network of NGOs and Individuals working with National and State Human Rights Institutions (AiNNI) deplores the attempt of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to drum up support amongst civil society to pull wool over the eyes of international delegates attending the G20 conference in New Delhi as to the deplorable human rights record of India. The NHRC has after considerable inactivity called a meeting with civil society on 5 September 2023 in New Delhi.

The NHRC was a mute spectator to the gross human rights violations in Manipur since 3 May 2023. It is only after the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India spoke out on 20 July 2023, the NHRC India belatedly issued a notice to the Government of Manipur on 24 July 2023. No visit to the state has been undertaken, information of which is in the public domain.

The NHRC's silence and apathy on the egregious sexual violence against women from minorities and especially vulnerable groups, the latest example being the public sexual abuse and gang rape of women from the Kuki-Zo community in Manipur, has laid bare its lack of concern for women's human rights. This is despite the NHRC's full commission having been convened on 23 May 2023. No report of the full commission has been made public, three months after the meeting.

The NHRC meeting with civil society has been called only a few days before the deadline for submitting a report to the Sub Committee of Accreditation (SCA) of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANRHI) regarding NHRC's accreditation. Its intention is clearly suspect.

It may be recalled that the NHRC's membership of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) has deferred the membership of the Indian NHRC for a year in March 2023 due to it not being in compliance with the UN Paris Principles. These Principles are the lowest common denominator for the running of National Human Rights Institutions.

It is only a charade to tell the international Human rights community that Indian Human rights ngo community is being consulted, albeit nominally,

We call upon all responsible civil society representatives to disassociate with the NHRCI hosting a meeting of civil society representatives on 5 September 2023.

This hastily called meeting is obviously a "box-ticking exercise" rather than a genuine attempt at dialogue and discussion with the large, vibrant human rights community in India. This community has been so vibrant that in its Universal Periodic Review (UPR) report to the UN Human Rights Council in 2022, it held over 4000 meetings across the country, translating the UPR session into regional languages, bringing Human Rights close to people on the ground at the community level and at the Panchayat level organisations, institutions, NGOs, academics classes and others. The NHRC Chair, Mr. Arun Mishra did not enter into any dialogue or communication with AINNI.

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