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## A Dignified Human Life Is The Core Aspiration Of Every Human Being: Kiren Rijiju

### NHRC Celebrates Human Rights Day

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**USPA NEWS** - The Chief Justice of India, Justice J.S. Thakur distributed the prizes, at the "Human Rights Day" function, organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in New Delhi on December 10, 2015. The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Kiren Rijiju is also seen.

Addressing on the occasion, the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Kiren Rijiju said that a dignified human life is the core aspiration of every human being. The State must secure that basic human right of every individual which is related to right to life, liberty, equality with dignity. He also said that International Human Rights Day marks an important milestone in the realization of human rights for all citizens of the world.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) celebrated the Human Rights Day on December 10. The Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10th December every year to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948 as the common standard of achievement for mankind.

Mr. Rijiju also said that India has been unequivocal in its commitment to the preservation and protection of human rights globally as well as within the country. It is partly to several of the core international human rights conventions, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, 1966, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979, Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989, and the Conventions on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2007.

The Minister also said that the National Human Rights Commission has developed a wide range of innovative mechanisms, including its Camp Sitings, Open Hearings and the Commission's flagship 28-district programme, whereby the Commission gets a first-hand account of the ground reality and also works closely with district and state authorities towards an improvement of basic services to the people and more effective implementation of the governments' socio-economic programmes, legislations etc.

The Minister said that, to address the various challenges that confront our society, Parliamentarians will have to ensure adherence to human rights standards in all activities, programmes and policies of the government of the day. They have a particularly crucial role to play in ensuring that in all domestic legislation (proposed or existing), a human rights perspective is incorporated, so that no legislation ends up working at cross purposes with the country's commitment to protect and promote the rights of the citizens.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Justice of India, Justice T. S. Thakur said that whenever we talk about human rights, we talk about the rights inherent in human beings. Recalling the historical development of human rights, he said that the human rights were first time globally recognised in the year 1948. He said that the arena of human rights is never static and always challenging. The Indian Judiciary is well equipped to deal with these challenges, he added. He also said that the Supreme Court has given six months time to constitute Human Rights Commission in the States which are not having the Commission at present. He also suggested that a Special Human Rights Court should be set up in each district to address the human rights issues.

Justice Cyriac Joseph, Acting Chairperson of NHRC and other members were also present on the occasion.

This year, the Human Rights day is devoted to the launch of a year-long campaign marking the 50th Anniversary of the two International Covenants on Human Rights: The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. These Covenants were adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly on the 16th December, 1966. The slogan for this year's Human Rights day is "Our Rights..Our Freedoms" Always that aims to promote and raise awareness about these covenants.

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