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*Promoting and Defending
Human Rights In India*

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The Centre for Legal Research and Training (CLRT) is a premier research Institution founded by Shakti Vahini. The Centre mission is to serve as a center for interdisciplinary research, training and is focused on exploring law for social upliftment.

India has one of the best legal systems in the world and a number of laws; however, these laws are poorly implemented. The abject levels of poverty lead to very low levels of literacy, particularly legal literacy. Corruption, delays and the expense of litigation cripple the system. Yet there is tremendous scope for reform. Strengthening the legal system is critical for democracy to survive.

Presently CLRT is involved in Research on Criminal Justice System in India. The centre examines issues of disadvantage and disparity within the broader framework of the International legal order. CLRT works towards capacity building of the individuals and organization through sensitization and legal trainings. CLRT has developed various modules and training tools for laws related to women rights, slavery, anti trafficking, female foeticide, sexual harrasment at work place, domestic violence, juvenile justice, bonded and migrant labour, HIV law, media laws etc.

Victim compensation, witness protection, rehabilitation, in camera trials, quick referral modules for advocates, documentation of decisions of trial courts, documenting best practices, modules preparation for training and sensitization, promoting social lawyering, working for necessary law reforms are some of the major agenda of the CLRT.

One of the Key focus areas of CLRT is the Right to Information Act. Presently it is undertaking sensitization and awareness programme in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to empower the masses about RTI. It is also conducting a national level research on the implementation of RTI.

CLRT in collaboration with Shakti Vahini has been holding training programmes for law enforcement officials in Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. Recently it has partnered with National Media Coalition for resource centre for journalists and reporters.

Modules For Training Programmes

| Sl. | Module | Course Content | Duration | Participants |
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| 1. | Anti Trafficking | <u>Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act ,1956</u> Definition of Brothel, Meaning of Prostitution, Powers of Magistrate, Special Police Officer, Prostitution in Public Place, Offences, Relevant IPC, Rescue of Victim, Closure of Brothels, Removal of Prostitutes, Protective Homes, Special Courts. <u>JJ Act 2000</u> Child In Need of Care and Protection, CWC, Home Investigation Report. <u>Other Provisions</u> Dos and Don't for Police Officers, Protocol on Inter State Rescue and Post Rescue, Best Practices of Law Enforcement, Minimum Standards of Care and Support, Victim and Witness Protection Relevant Provisions of Child Labour prohibition and Regulation Act, Bonded Labour Act & Organ Transplant Act. (<i>Cases and Judgments ,Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police NGOs & Civil Society |
| 2. | Child Rights & Juvenile Justice | <u>Juvenile Justice(Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000</u> Child in Conflict with Law, Juvenile Justice Board, Observation Homes, Apprehension of a Juvenile, Bail of Juvenile Probation Officers, Joint Proceedings, Publication of Name of Juvenile, Offences and Punishment, Relevant IPC, Child in Need of Care and Protection, Child Welfare Committee, Protection Home, Restoration, Rehabilitation and Social, Integration, Advisory Boards, Special Juvenile Police Unit, Home Investigation Report. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police, NGOs, Civil Society & Schools |
| 3. | Child Labour & Slavery | <u>Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986</u> Child Labour Advisory Committee ,Regulation of Condition of Work ,Health and Safety of Children ,Display of Notice and Maintenance of Register ,Hazardous and Non Hazardous ,Penalties & Offences ,Disputes Regarding Age ,Procedure Relating to offences ,Domestic Work and Child Labour ,Relevant IPC <u>Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976</u> Abolition , Property of Bonded Labour ,Implementing Authorities , Vigilance committees ,Offences and Punishment ,Relevant IPC Compensations. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police, NGOs & Civil Society |
| 4. | Crime Against Women & Gender Violence | <u>Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005</u> Protection Officers, Definition of Domestic Violence, Duties of Protection Officers, Duties of Police Officers, Protection, Residence, Compensation, Offences, procedure and punishments <u>The Indecent Representation of Women Act 1986</u> Prohibition of Advertisement , Offences and Punishments <u>Rape Law</u> Relevant Sections of IPC, Procedures and Evidences. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police, NGOs & Civil Society |
| 5. | Sexual Harassment at Work Place | Vishaka Judgment of Supreme Court. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 4 Hours | Police & Corporate's |
| 6. | HIV/AIDS & Law | Discrimination, Consent , Confidentiality , Prisoners, Sex Workers , Sexual Violence, Insurance , Access to Treatment, Criminal Law and Transmission of HIV, Marriage and HIV, Rights at the Workplace. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 4 Hours | NGOs & Civil Society |
| 7. | Female Foeticide | <u>Pre-Conception & Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994</u> Definition , Registration of Ultra Sound Machines, Prohibitions and Penalties, Policy Making Bodies, Implementing Authorities, Maintenance and Preservation of Records, Search and Seizures, Evidences, Provisions of MTP Act Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions | 8 Hours | Health Workers, NGOs & Civil Society |
| 8. | Drugs | <u>Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985</u> Nature and Classification of Drugs, Offences and Penalties , Power and Procedures, Statutory Structures , Treatment and Rehabilitation, Juvenile Using Drugs, Drug Use and HIV/AIDS. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police, NGOs & Civil Society |
| 9. | Right to Information | <u>Right to Information Act ,2005</u> Right to Information and Obligations of Public Authorities, Public Information Officers, Request to Obtain Information, Exemptions, Appeals, Penalties. (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police, NGOs & Civil Society |
| 10. | ADR | <u>Alternative Dispute Resolution</u> Techniques of Mediation (<i>Case and Judgments, Case Exercise, Group Discussions</i>) | 8 Hours | Police, NGOs & Civil Society |



CLRT Training Methodology

The Training Modules seeks to promote trainees' engagement in critical thinking, problem solving and decision making. It has been specially conceived to ensure a *participatory, interactive and experiential approach*. The learning activities are designed to provide opportunities for debriefing through lecturer and peer-to-peer feedback, personal and group reflection and the application of newly developed ideas and skills.

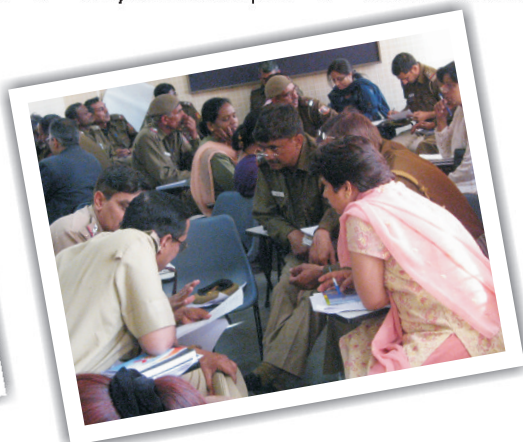
The active participation of the trainees is encouraged in many ways. Training materials are made available to participants in advance to the session, to facilitate participation in the interactive lectures; and participants are invited to act as rapporteurs for specific training sessions, with the short briefs becoming an integral part of the session's report. Additionally, group works, with interactive exercises, are organized throughout the training.

A practical assessment exercise, designed to evaluate the knowledge acquired during the programme, complements the learning activities of the participants. This exercise provides a genuine opportunity to participants to apply the newly acquired knowledge and skills.

The learning activities are conducted by legal specialists. The faculty of the CLRT is composed of university professors, experts of concerned area, officers of international organizations, and NGO experts. The courses are designed to enhance practical skills in the field. It builds on the knowledge and experience of enforcement professionals, broadening their insight and developing their overall understanding of the prosecution process. An advisory board, consisting of law experts, oversees the CLRT academic and educational aspects.

The learning activities include:

- Case Law ● Interactive lectures ● Thematic Workshops ● Simulation/Role Play Exercises ● Group Discussions ● Experience Sharing
- Thematic Assessment Exercises ● Audio Video Presentations ● Analysis of Media Reports ● Moot Courts and Mock Trials





National Network of Lawyers For Rights And Justice (NNLRJ)

NATIONAL NETWORK OF LAWYERS FOR RIGHTS AND JUSTICE (NNLRJ) is a law initiative of Shakti Vahini a national level voluntary organization working in the field of HIV/AIDS, anti trafficking, women and child rights, human rights, gender violence, legal advocacy, legal aid & training.

NATIONAL NETWORK OF LAWYERS FOR RIGHTS AND JUSTICE (NNLRJ) prime objective is to defend, promote and secure socio-political, economical and constitutional rights to individuals, groups and communities in India, especially focusing upon the marginalized and weaker sections of the society. Some of the key focus areas of NNLRJ are human rights, women rights & gender justice, domestic violence, sexual crimes, female foeticide, crimes against children, child labour, juvenile justice, human trafficking and slavery, victim compensation & rehabilitation, witness protection, domestic labour, safe migration, right to information, consumer rights, HIV/AIDS, etc. To achieve the above objectives, 'NNLRJ' had undertaken to build partnerships with individuals as well as different sections and sectors of the society and governments. NNLRJ partners with international agencies, UN bodies, government ministries & departments, local administration, bar and other legal bodies, law institutions, various commissions, media houses, corporate sector, NGOs, CBOs etc.

The level of NNLRJ interventions constitute awareness generation, legal information dissemination, legal advocacy and administrative legal interventions. NNLRJ undertakes awareness and sensitization campaigns on issues of socio-legal importance with communities, govt. officials/administration, advocates, youths/students, people's representatives through the use of methods of posters, pamphlets, booklets, handouts, street plays, workshops/seminars. NNLRJ undertakes effective legal interventions by providing legal help to needy and assisting them in courts. NNLRJ also undertakes public interest litigations on issues of major and critical importance for larger sections of the society. NNLRJ advocacy work includes building alliances and formation of networks, advocacy with media, pressure group formation for favorable policy decisions and amendment and changes in law or new legislations of social welfare.

While NNLRJ works on issues of national importance, it has its own legal cells for direct grassroots level interventions in several districts of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Chandigarh. The NNLRJ has members from 18 states, who are rendering their services for noble cause of social concerns.

NNLRJ also runs and manages a Legal Website for dissemination of legal information regarding social issues of concern.



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Shakti Vahini promotes and defends the rights of people through :

1. **CAMPAIGNS** to promote awareness and sensitization among Communities, Govt. Officials/ Administration, Judiciary and Advocates, Youths/Students , Peoples Representatives.
2. **PUBLIC ACTION & EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS** to secure and defend the Rights of individuals and communities through Activism ,Mass mobilization Media Reporting and events Legal Aid & Action Effective Interventions through administrative instruments Financial, infrastructure and moral- Support & Assistance
3. **CAPACITY BUILDING** through Training and workshops, Leadership Creation
4. **ADVOCACY** through alliance building & network formation, Creation of Youth Volunteers & promotion of Voluntary Action , Media advocacy , Lobbying for Policy Decisions , Influencing for law formation and amendments
5. **RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION** through Studies, Research, Analysis and Reports of the situation and facts , Guidance, support and assistance for research and documentation.

Shakti Vahini is a fructification of youth creative energy, in a channeled and organized form, motivated through social activism. Shakti Vahini firmly believes in volunteerism and puts its' unflinching faith in Youths, in defending and promoting Human Rights of the citizens and in playing an important and positive role in the process of development. Starting from 1999 it has grown and matured in to a well structured and professionally managed social organisation partnering with various statutory bodies, government ministries, corporate bodies and international agencies. Along with geographical and structural expansion, it has also been ever expanding its horizon of initiatives and range of interventions. Through its several local units and socially committed volunteers. Shakti Vahini is effectively active in field of Human Rights, Women and Child issues, Anti Trafficking, Child Labour , Bonded labour, Health, HIV/AIDS, Education, Legal Aid and training, Research & Documentation, Volunteerism, Community development etc.

Shakti Vahini Initiatives

- ANTI TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE • CHILD RIGHTS AND GENDER JUSTICE PROJECT • CHILDLINE • HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE • NATIONAL MEDIA COALITION
- CENTRE FOR LEGAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING • NATIONAL NETWORK OF LAWYERS FOR RIGHTS AND JUSTICE • ACTIVIST MAGAZINE

Our Partners

- UNFEM • UNDP • UNFPA • UNAIDS • UNODC • DELHI STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY • NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY
- MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD (Govt. of India) • FREE THE SLAVES • GROUPE DEVELOPMENT