

NHRC, India to hold Camp Sitting on 21st - 22nd July, 2025 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Pending cases of human rights violations related to the state to be heard

State authorities and complainants to attend hearings

The Commission also to interact with the representatives of civil society, NGOs and Human Rights Defenders, followed by a media briefing

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India is holding a two-day Camp Sitting at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, to hear the cases of alleged human rights violations on 21st - 22nd July, 2025. The NHRC Chairperson, Justice Shri V. Ramasubramanian, Members, Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani and Shri Priyank Kanoongo will hear the cases from 10.00 am at State Guest House Unit V in Keshari Nagar on 21st July, 2025.

NHRC Secretary General, Shri Bharat Lal, Registrar (Law), Shri Joginder Singh and other senior officers will also be attending the Camp sitting and open hearing. Besides hearing cases, the Camp Sitting aims to sensitize officers about human rights by delivering speedy justice to victims of rights violations. The Commission will also interact with the representatives of civil society organisations, NGOs and Human Rights Defenders (HRDs).

The State authorities and the complainants concerned have been asked to remain present at the hearing of these cases to facilitate on-the-spot deliberations and decisions. The cases to be taken up include Attacks on journalists, HRDs and their families; Crimes against women; Crimes against children including POCSO; Death due to snake bites and lack of medical support; Flooding issues faced by over five families in Bhadrak, Kendrapada and other coastal districts; Human rights violations due to witchcraft and sorcery accusation, and trafficking of girl child during Covid-19 period.

After the hearing of the cases, the Commission will meet with the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and other senior officers of the State to deliberate on issues pertaining to the promotion and protection of human rights.

On 22nd July, 2025, the Commission will be meeting the representatives of civil society organisations, NGOs and HRDs. Thereafter, a media briefing will be held about the outcome of the camp sitting to have a wider

dissemination of information on the human rights issues in the State and the actions taken by the NHRC.

Since 2007, NHRC has been holding camp sittings across the country. The Commission has held camp sittings in various states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Odisha, Gujarat, Assam, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Kerala, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Andaman & Nicobar, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.

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