



The message by NHRC, India Chairperson, Justice Shri V. Ramasubramanian on the eve of Human Rights Day

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“Greetings to everyone on the eve of Human Rights Day. Each year since 1950, the world comes together on 10th December to celebrate this day. It marks the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations in 1948. UDHR is a milestone document that has shaped the moral compass of humanity across the globe.

For India, this day carries special significance. Our nation’s representatives played a meaningful role in shaping the UDHR, embedding in it the timeless ideals of dignity, justice and equality for all, the values that are deeply rooted in our own civilisational ethos and philosophy.

This year’s theme, “Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials,” reminds us that human rights are not distant dreams. They are the foundation of our daily lives. This theme reaffirms that human rights are not luxuries, but necessities that sustain hope and humanity. Human rights allow us to speak freely, live with dignity and dream without fear. By reconnecting people to these values, we seek to inspire awareness, confidence and collective action.

Today, humanity faces unprecedented challenges including climate change, environmental degradation, conflict and terrorism, all of which test our shared commitment to equality and justice. Addressing them requires solidarity across borders and generations.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening this vision. Drawing upon India’s rich legacy of empathy, compassion and respect for human dignity amidst diverse cultural traditions, the Commission works tirelessly for the cause of human rights within the country besides promoting advocacy for them at international forums and across the Global South. Through its outreach, research and capacity building initiatives over the past three decades, the NHRC has remained steadfast in protecting the rights and voices of all people and particularly the vulnerable segments.

On this solemn occasion, I call upon every individual to stand up for human rights to nurture a culture that upholds the spirit of “*Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah*” i.e. let there be happiness for all.

Guided by the Protection of Human Rights Act and inspired by the values of both the Constitution of India and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Commission reaffirms its unwavering commitment to uphold the dignity and equality of every person.”

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