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Vision

To create a nation with a rights consciousness in which the dignity and rights of all people are respected

Mission

To be a centre of excellence for human rights education and research using a multidisciplinary approach

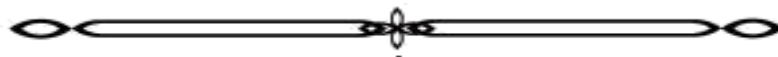




Mandate

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights is a non-profit educational institution attached to the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

Its mandate is to conduct and facilitate human rights education and research programmes for the university community and the community at large. Its activities are multi-disciplinary in nature.



Message by the Director



I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the CSHR for 2013.

In accordance with its mandate, CSHR engaged in human rights education, research, capacity building and knowledge services. In relation to education, the *Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Democracy* conducted in Sinhala and Tamil mediums, the *Advanced Training Programme on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law* conducted in the English medium were offered for the first time this year. Further, the *Advanced Training Programme on Access to Legal Aid* was offered to students of the University of Jaffna and to junior lawyers from Jaffna in the Tamil medium. This programme was conducted in collaboration with the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. Moreover, The Asia Pacific Master of Human Rights and Democratisation continued for the third consecutive year with The University of Sydney as the lead partner and four other partner universities. This year 7 overseas students followed the second semester at the University of Colombo. In terms of Research, CSHR proceeded with the project on Enhanced Human Rights Protection in relation to law enforcement and security.

During the year, CSHR also conducted a feasibility study on the demand for a programme on international Human Rights Law, funded by the Raajje Foundation. The purpose of this study was to assess the demand for a capacity development programme on international human rights law towards providing practical training, which would enable the effective utilisation of international law.

Through the collaborative research conducted in the prisons with the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections (CRTC) of the Department of Prisons, CSHR published two research reports titled *The Effectiveness of Legal Aid Programmes Conducted in Prisons* and *Streamlining of Rehabilitation Programmes in Prisons*. Further, a handbook for Prison officers titled *Human Rights Approach to Prison Administration* was also prepared by CSHR.

CSHR continued its work with the Air Force, targeting Junior Commanding Officers and with the Department of Prisons.

The Resource Centre, which houses a wide collection of human rights and related publications, was used by 13,230 persons during the year, which was a substantial increase from the previous year.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty of Law and the CSHR's Board of Management for their much valued suggestions and cooperation. I also extend my appreciation and gratitude to our funders for their continuous contribution, support and confidence in CSHR. I wish to acknowledge that the success of CSHR can be attributed to its experienced and dedicated staff.

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Profile

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR) was established in 1991, and is a non-profit organisation within the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo enjoying its status within the university system whilst at the same time maintaining considerable autonomy. CSHR is funded by foreign donors as well as local partner institutes.

CSHR was founded by its first Director, Dr Deepika Udagama, who also served as Head of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The extensive human rights violations witnessed in Sri Lanka in the late 1980s, paved the way to CSHR's establishment with its primary objective being to sensitise the general public on their rights and to provide redress for the violation of such rights.

CSHR has been actively spreading its mission to reach various social and professional groups at different levels comprising civil society, the university community, secondary school students, rural and plantation communities, armed forces and police, prisons officials, prison inmates, quazis, media personnel and women among other groups. CSHR has its activities across the island and has a strong network to include conflict-affected areas as well.

Counting Twenty-Two years of dynamism, CSHR has taken vast strides to contribute with determination towards its goal that is entrenched in a compelling consciousness that upholds high values of respect for human dignity for all peoples, thereby focusing on five decisive areas; Education, Research, Capacity Building, Knowledge Services and Institutional Development additionally, interlinking its end results.

In relation to Human Rights Education, CSHR offers Human Rights Courses such as the Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Democracy, E Diploma in Human Rights, Master of Human Rights and Democratisation as well as short term courses such as Advanced Training Programmes. CSHR also facilitates internships and study sessions for international students to develop and widen their knowledge and experience on rights related issues in Sri Lanka.

In terms of Human Rights Research, two recent research projects were published by CSHR in collaboration with the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections of the Department of Prisons. The CSHR carries out practically applicable research in relation to rights; and also conducts research for other organisations; some such research conducted are "Catching the Big Fish" – The need for the introduction of The Doctrine of Command Responsibility in Sri Lankan Legislation, "Choosing Rice over Risk" – Rights, Resettlement and Displaced Women, "Social Equity and Rights Assessment".

In the sphere of Capacity Building, CSHR works to strengthen the capacity of state and non-state sector stakeholders with the aim of promoting and protecting their rights.

CSHR has a well established Resource Centre which provides knowledge services to students, academics, researchers and the general public. It is a noteworthy factor that international students and researchers are also using this facility.

CSHR, in its focus on Institutional Development with the aim to provide scope for its staff to enhance their knowledge, skills and capabilities towards disseminating programmes to CSHR partners has provided opportunities in local and foreign training programmes.

Having earned the respect and recognition as a trainer in human rights, CSHR is moving forward confidently committed to its vision that is dedicated to facilitating education and research in promoting a responsible society in which human rights is cultivated, nurtured and protected, equal and free of discrimination and violation.

Activities at a Glance

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

- Advanced Training Programme (ATP) on Women and Peacebuilding
- Advanced Training Programmes
- Advanced Training Programme on Access to Legal Aid
- Six Month Distance Learning Advanced Certificate in Human Rights Approach to Prison Administration
- Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Peace Studies
- E Diploma in Human Rights
- Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific Regional Programme)
- Feasibility Study on the Demand for a Programme on International Human Rights Law
- Advisory Role

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH

- Enhanced Human Rights Protection in the Context of Law Enforcement and Security
- Research conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections (CRTIC), Department of Prisons

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Human Rights Programme for the Armed Forces
- Human Rights Programme for Prison Officers
- Human Rights Programme for the Police

KNOWLEDGE SERVICES

- Resource Centre
- Publications

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Human Rights Education

One of the key areas covered by the mandate of CSHR is Human Rights Education. The aim of the education programmes is to establish a society that is fully aware of its rights and is capable of supporting the upholding of democratic governance and peaceful co-existence in the country.

Advanced Training Programme (ATP) on Women and Peacebuilding

The Advanced Training Programme (ATP) on Women and Peacebuilding was successfully completed for the second successive year in 2013. This programme was based on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325). The objective of the course was to capacitate members from government and civil society organisations who work with women, towards protecting and promoting their rights in the post conflict period by providing them with knowledge and skills on rights of conflict affected women.

The training programme was conducted parallel in Jaffna, Ampara and Anuradhapura covering the Northern, Eastern and North Central Provinces respectively. While the programmes held in Jaffna and Ampara were in the Tamil medium, the programme held in Anuradhapura was conducted in Sinhala. There were 37, 32 and 30 participants in Jaffna, Ampara and Anuradhapura programmes respectively.

The training programme consisted of written materials; contact instruction in live training sessions as well as practical exercises. The curriculum for the second year, 2013, was developed by incorporating new subject areas such as Transitional Justice, LLRC, Land Rights in the post conflict context and Advocacy, to the curriculum of the first year in order to adapt to the prevailing period. Participants were provided with a comprehensive study pack in their respective mediums, while resource persons were guided by a trainer guide. Prior to the programme, resource persons were trained through a one day Training of Trainers programme. Resource persons comprised both academics and well-experienced practitioners in the women's rights sphere.

In addition, a 3 Day Intensive Programme was held in Anuradhapura for participants from all three programmes providing them with a platform to share each other's experiences and challenges. While two days were allocated to provide them with knowledge and skills on preparing action plans, advocacy campaigns among other topics, the third day was allocated to obtaining an understanding of a real life situation of women affected by conflict, where participants were taken on a field visit to a village in the Anuradhapura district.

Participants in this programme were evaluated through two assignments during and at the end of the programme, where they answered a written take home assignment during the programme and at the end of the programme conducted a half a day workshop designed by them as their second assignment.

At the end of the programme, 26, 25 and 22 participants from Ampara, Anuradhapura and Jaffna successfully completed the programme. Though there were a few participants who did not complete the programme there were none who failed the programme.



Financial assistance for the ATP on Women and Peacebuilding was provided by the FOKUS.

Advanced Training Programme on Access to Legal Aid

CSHR in collaboration with the Legal Aid Foundation of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka conducted the Advanced Training Programme on *Access to Legal Aid* targeting Students of the University of Jaffna and Junior Lawyers in Jaffna. The objective of the programme is to provide a comprehensive understanding on Legal Aid in relation to post conflict reconstruction, with special reference to law and justice.

The programme was conducted for 30 hours and was delivered through face to face sessions and study material. Assessment consisted of a mandatory individual assignment based on a field trip and individual presentations. This course was conducted in the English medium. The inauguration was held in Jaffna on 19th January.

Advanced Training Programmes (ATPs)

CSHR conducted Advanced Training Programmes for the third time, since they were introduced in 2011. The purpose of the ATPs is to enhance skills and build the capacity of people who are working in the private and public sectors as well as of university students. The inauguration of the second batch of the *Advanced Training Programme on Law and the Citizen* (Sinhala medium) was held on 29 April with the enrolment of 19 students and the certificate awarding ceremony was held on 21 August.

This year the *Advanced Training Programme on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law* (HR and IHL) was introduced to provide basic knowledge of HR and IHL developing a system of appreciation of human beings, their individual dignity, rights and means of defending them and to motivate them towards the study of human rights. This programme was conducted in the English medium and was followed by 9 students.

Six Month Distance Learning Advanced Certificate in Human Rights Approach to Prison Administration

The CSHR in collaboration with the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections (CRTC), Department of Prisons, commenced the Advanced Certificate Programme on Human Rights for Prison Officers in 2012. The course aims to provide officers with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of human rights, international human rights instruments and mechanisms of dealing with the breaches and abuses of fundamental rights as well as rights applicable to prisons.

The programme runs for 6 months and is delivered through an introductory session and study material. Assessment consists of a mandatory individual assignment and presentation. This course is conducted in Sinhala and Tamil mediums.

The first face to face session was held on 9th April at the Faculty of Law. The certificate awarding ceremony for the first batch was held on 21 August, where 76 officers received certificates.

The inauguration of the second batch was held at the Faculty of Law. 29 prison officers were enrolled in the programme on 20 November.

This programme was funded by the Equal Access to Justice Project of the UNDP and was conducted through the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration.

Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Peace Studies

In reaching out to people who are unable to access Human Rights education owing to educational, social, economic and geographic boundaries the Distance Learning Diploma has been conducted via Distance Mode since 2005. The objective of this course is to provide an interdisciplinary course on human rights and peace education to those whose activities will have a positive impact on the promotion and protection of human rights and peace, but who have not had the opportunity of obtaining a structured understanding of the subject.

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the 2009/2010 batch was held at the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 8 February. 61 students received Diploma certificates at this event.

The Final examination for the 2011/2012 batch of 71 students and 48 re-registered students was held at the Faculty of Law on 23 February.

E Diploma in Human Rights

The objective of this one year Diploma is to provide an opportunity of studying human rights to those who have not had an opportunity of obtaining a structured understanding of human rights issues and whose activities will have a positive impact on the promotion and protection of Rights.

The third batch commenced their academic year with the inauguration ceremony followed by the orientation on 20 November. The new batch consists of 22 students including five officers from the Sri Lanka Police.

Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific Regional Programme)

The Asia Pacific Masters Degree is a regional programme conducted by the University of Sydney in collaboration with three partner universities of which the University of Colombo is one, while the others are Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal; Gaja Mada University, Indonesia and Mahidol University, Thailand.

This programme was funded by the European Union through the University of Sydney.

The inauguration of the Asia Pacific Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation (MHRD) 2012/13 was held on 17 January at the Senate Hall, University of Colombo.

The Hon Attorney General, Mr Palitha Fernando, President's Counsel participated as the chief guest. His Excellency Bernard Savage, Head, EU Delegation to Sri Lanka and Maldives, Dr Susan Banki, Former Director, MHRD, University of Sydney, Prof Kshanika Hirimburegama, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo, Mr V T Thamilaran, Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof Sharya Scharenguivel, Director, CSHR, Members of the Board of Management of CSHR, lecturers of the Faculty of Law and teaching staff of the MHRD programme also attended the ceremony.

This year, 7 students completed their Second Semester of the programme at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

The *Capacity Building Programme on Human Rights and Democratisation: Teaching and Learning for Academic staff and students in the field of Human Rights and Democratisation* was held at the Faculty of Law on 23 and 24 July. Prof Purwo Santoso from the University of Gaja Mada and Dr Mike Hayes from Mahidol University, Thailand, participated as the guest lecturers for the programme.

Advisory Role

Incorporation of Human Rights into the Secondary School Curriculum

CSHR has been involved in integrating Human Rights into the school curriculum since 2006. The National Institute of Education (NIE), requested the assistance of CSHR to incorporate human rights and law into the secondary school curriculum. A Three Day Workshop was conducted from the 18-20 of April to prepare the Teacher Guide for Grade 6 and Grade 10 by the NIE. Meloney Palihakkara, Senior Project Officer, CSHR, represented CSHR and worked with curriculum developers of the NIE in revising the curriculum and amending the relevant sections of the Teachers' Guide.

Feasibility Study on the Demand for a Programme on International Human Rights Law

The Raajje Foundation requested CSHR to conduct a feasibility study to assess the demand for a programme that develops the capacity on international Human Rights Law. The primary goal of this programme was to provide practical training, which would enable the effective utilization of international law to find out the interest from individuals and organisations committed to Social Justice and Fundamental Rights, to be a part of this capacity development opportunity.

Human Rights Research

Enhancing Human Rights Protections in the Context of Law Enforcement and Security

Enhancing Human Rights Protections in the Context of Law Enforcement and Security is a three year research project carried out by CSHR in collaboration with The University of Sydney, Australia. The project also includes the Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal.

Initially, the project was to prepare a training manual for the Armed Forces and Police. However, the research conducted in the previous year, made it clear that a training manual was not required to enhance human rights protection among the target group. The project therefore, shifted its focus to work with a group of officers from among the target groups, selected by their specific institutions to which they were attached, through the Ministry of Defence.

The selected officers were to identify the different aspects in relation to their workplaces which they were requested to discuss with their superiors and colleagues, using project management tools and other human rights knowledge imparted to them by the project team from The University of Sydney, experts from Australia and resource persons from CSHR. The purpose of this exercise was for these personnel to be sensitised on human rights aspects in their day to day work, which would then gradually disseminate within their workplace.

The following human rights related programmes were conducted for officers of the Armed Forces, Police, Civil Security Department and Coastguard During the year, as follows.

Date	Venue	Target group	No. of participants
4 - 5 Apr	CSHR	Army	30
2 - 3 May	CSHR	Army	22
2 – 4 Oct	SLFI	Armed Forces, Police, Civil Security Dept and Coastguard	18
6-8 Dec	Laya Leisure, Kukuleganga	Armed Forces, Police, Civil Security Dept and Coastguard	17

Research conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections (CRTC), Department of Prisons

CSHR extended its academic support to the CRTC, to re-establish the Research Unit of the CRTC initially in 2011. Thereafter, two researches were conducted in collaboration with the CRTC in 2011 and 2012 on *The Effectiveness of Legal Aid Programmes Conducted in Prisons* and *Streamlining of Rehabilitation Programmes in Prisons*. The completed researches were published.

Capacity Building

As an organisation that works towards capacity building and strengthening its partners, CSHR collaborated with diverse groups of state actors, civil society and vulnerable groups, to develop their knowledge and skills in the area of rights and responsibilities. The following programmes were conducted towards this end.

Human Rights Programme for Prison Officers

CSHR participated in the capacity of resource person in the following programmes conducted by the Centre for Research and Training in Corrections (CRTC) of the Department of Prisons.

Date	Venue
20 Feb	CRTC
22 Feb	CRTC
23 -24 Apr	CRTC
21 Aug	CRTC

Human Rights Programme for the Armed Forces

As requested by Air Force Headquarters, Three Day Programmes on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law were conducted in the English medium for Junior Commanding Officers. The following programmes were conducted during the period.

Date	Venue	No. of Participants
18 - 20 Feb	Faculty of Graduate Studies	29
1 - 3 Jul	Air Force Headquarters	29
30 Oct – 01 Nov	Faculty of Law	27

This programme was funded by the Air Force with contributions made by CSHR by providing resource persons on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

Human Rights Programme for Police

CSHR participated in the capacity of resource person for sessions conducted in the Sinhala medium for the Police In-service Training Unit of Mirihana Police as follows.

Date	Topic
3 Apr	International Conventions on Human Rights and Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka
17 May	Cases in Sri Lanka, Public Interest Litigation and Environmental Rights
12 Jul	Human Rights and Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka
10 Sep	Human Rights and Cases on Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka

Knowledge Services

Resource Centre

The number of books in the resource centre increased over the year with 168 new books being added to the collection. The number of books available for referencing was approximately 2,800.

The usual core journals were subscribed to, so that latest periodical information was received in the library.

The updated newspaper clippings service in Sinhala, Tamil and English fulfilled the requirement of latest information needed on a wide range of topics. In addition to the undergraduates, other visitors to the Resource Centre, both local and foreign, found the resources available, useful. The material available was used for various education and capacity building programmes conducted by CSHR throughout the year.

Library Online Database

All information on books received and location of journal articles were made available on the library online database and updated throughout the year. With support from the National Science Foundation, the library database was hosted on the CSHR website, with a searching facility so that readers, the university community and the general public locate publications they need, via the internet.

Library Users

All library users were required to become members of the library. Undergraduates had free membership, while all other members were required to make a payment for a scheduled period. A paid membership was offered to all postgraduate students while other visitors were offered the following categories of fees.

Postgraduate students: Rs. 1,000 /- per year.

Other users: Rs. 100/- per week

Rs. 500/- for 3 months

Rs. 1000/- for 6 months

Rs. 2000/- for one year.

A total no. of 758 new undergraduate members joined the Resource Centre as detailed below.

Undergraduate memberships from the University of Colombo

Faculty of Law	315
Faculty of Arts	348
Faculty of Education	26
Faculty of Science	1
Faculty of Management	4
Faculty of Medicine	1
Total	695

Members from other Universities

University of Kelaniya	8
University of Sri Jayawardenapura	40
University of Moratuwa	1
University of Jaffna	14
Total	63

Other Memberships

Membership for 1 week	39
Membership for 3 months	7
Membership for 6 months	1
Membership for 1 year	2
Total	49

Grand total 807

Book Borrowing Facility

Books can be borrowed only by Staff of the Faculty of Law. 21 members of Staff had borrowed and returned 138 books during the year.

Photocopy Service

The smooth running of the photocopy service was a great asset to students during assignment time, when the demand for photocopies was high. A total number of 2878 orders were received during the year.

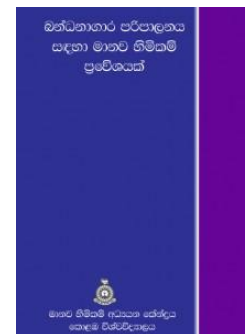
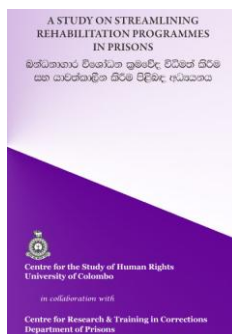
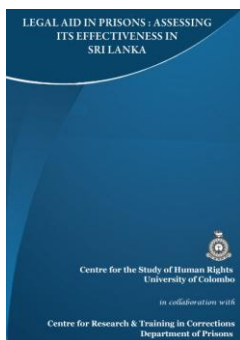
The number of visitors attending the Resource Centre increased substantially to 13,230 by 4659, when compared with the previous year.

Print Media

CSHR activities were publicised in the Sinhala, Tamil and English daily newspapers, ahead of the programmes to be conducted.

Publications

The following publications were part of the research conducted in collaboration with the CRTC and the Handbook prepared for the Six Month Course conducted for Prison Officers.



Institutional Development

Staff Training

CSHR staff participated in the following programmes to enhance their knowledge in relation to Human Rights and project management.

Date	Venue	Programme	Participant/s
6 March	Faculty of Law	Annual Symposium of the Dept of Private and Comparative Law	Malsirini de Silva and Washeem Ahamed
15 March	UN Office and Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs	ToT Programme	Meloney Palihakkara
21 – 22 March	NCAS	Programme on Research Proposal Writing	Kushangika Nawaratne
6 -7 April	Global Towers	Strengthening of Legal Protection for LGBT in Sri Lanka: Road to Decriminalization, Lawyers' Training organized by Equal Grounds	Kaushalya Ariyaratne
7 May	Fokus Women	Discussion on Land	Washeem Ahamed and Malsirini de Silva
21 and 22 May	Hotel Janaki	Advocacy Workshop	Nilani de Silva, Kaushalya Ariyaratne and Malsirini De Silva
19 – 20 July	National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS)	Certificate Course in Social Science and Research Methodologies	Kushangika Nawaratne
04-05 September	Hotel Renuka	Workshop on Developing Indicators & Reporting organized by Fokus Women	Nilani de Silva, Kushangika Nawarathne and Washeem Ahamed
06-07 September	Social & Economic Development Centre (SEDEC)	Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Kaushalya Ariyaratna
04 October	Faculty of Law	Annual Law Symposium	Kushangika Nawaratne, Washeem Ahamed and Lekha Herath
10 October	Auditorium of Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Colombo 07	International Day of the Girl Child 2013	Prof. Sharya Scharenguivel

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