

Introduction

This Diploma programme is designed, based on the findings of the Enhancing Human Rights Protections in the Security Sector in the Asia Pacific Project (EHRP) implemented by CSHR, University of Colombo and Kathmandu Law School, Nepal in collaboration with The University of Sydney, Australia. This project was implemented in Sri Lanka with the fullest corporation of Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Law and Order.

Objectives of the programme:

1. Enhancing knowledge on human rights and its applicability among Police officers.
2. Developing skills among Police officers in order to analyze the situational factors which affect the complicated situations they face during their duties.
3. Developing tools among Police officers, in order to handle the situational factors within a human rights perspective.
4. Developing the ability of Police personnel to develop their own plans in order to manage the identified situational factors within their workplaces.
5. Enhancing professionalism of Police personnel by inculcating human rights values through the concept of dignity.

6. Developing insight through a human rights approach into the complex contemporary issues the Police officer has to deal with, within the present Sri Lankan context.

Qualifications for the Programme

1. Sub Inspectors (SI) or higher ranks in the Department of Police
2. Police Sergeants with minimum 8 years of experience

Medium

Sinhala and Tamil

Duration- 01 year

Course Content

Lectures

1. Human rights, human dignity and other basic concepts
2. Human rights and Fundamental Rights in the Sri Lankan context
3. Applicability of human rights for Police duties
4. Legal authority, constitutional obligations, Police Act, other legal provisions, Police regulations
5. State responsibility on improper use of force and legal remedies

Special Topics Lectures

1. Gender based violence
2. Child Abuse
3. Rehabilitation
4. Drug Addiction
5. Citizenship

Seminars

1. Introducing the workbook
2. Role of the Police
3. Analyzing the situational factors
4. Situational Assessment (Identifying problems, developing tools and designing a project)
5. Developing skills for implementation of the designed project

6. Monitoring and evaluation and learning lessons

Workshop on enhancing human rights protections

Enhancing Professionalism Workshops

1. Communication skills
2. Stress Management
3. Mediation skills
4. Respectability, dignity, leadership and professionalism

Enhancing human rights protection Individual Project

Assessment

Mid-year Presentation: project plan (10 marks) + Completion of workbook and year end project report (35 marks) + open book test (15 marks) + EHRP Lecture assessments (10 marks) + ST Assignment (20 marks) + participation in EHRP workshops (10 marks)

Course fee- Rs. 55, 000/=

Lectures/ seminars/ workshops

First six months- twice a month

Second six months- once a month

Application deadline: 31st October 2016

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