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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

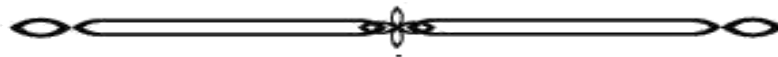




Mandate

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 Acting Director



I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the CSHR for 2017.

In keeping with its mandate, CSHR continued to impart human rights education, carry out research and provide capacity building and knowledge services to diverse groups of persons. This year, CSHR commenced a new postgraduate programme, the *Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Rights* (PGDCPR) mainly for officers of the National Child Protection Authority (NCPA), which is also open to others working in the child protection sector. CSHR also commenced the *Diploma in Human Rights Based Policing*, primarily for Police Officers.

In addition, the *Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Democracy*, *E Diploma in Human Rights, Asia Pacific Master of Human Rights and Democratisation* (International) and *Master of Human Rights and Democratisation* (Local) and the *Distance Learning Advanced Certificate in Human Rights and Prison Administration* programmes were conducted during the year.

In terms of research, CSHR continued with Phase II of the research on Enhanced Human Rights Protection (EHRP in Seruvila Divisional Secretariat (DS) Division in the Trincomalee District, to gain an in-depth understanding of institutional violence.

The Resource Centre increased its publications by adding 354 new books to its collection during the year, comprising a total of 3,574 books. Library users numbered 6955.

CSHR supported its staff to participate in local training during the year, towards building their skills and capacities towards conducting enhanced programmes.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty of Law and members of the Board of Management of CSHR for their much valued suggestions and cooperation, while also extending my appreciation and gratitude to our funders for their continuous support and confidence in us. I wish to also thank the staff of CSHR for their hard work and dedication towards contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

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Message by the Acting Deputy Director



It is with great pleasure that I present this message for the Annual Report for 2017.

This year the CSHR conducted a number of educational programmes ranging from certificate courses to postgraduate degree programmes, engaged in research and conducted capacity building programmes towards protecting and promoting human rights.

Two new educational programmes were added to the existing programmes, namely the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Rights (PGDCPR) and the Diploma in Human Rights based Policing (DHRP). Through these new programmes, law enforcement officers attached to State institutions will be educated and sensitized on protecting and promoting human rights in general and on specific aspects of human rights that are under their purview and authority. While the CSHR expects to expand its reach to a wider audience where awareness of human rights is enhanced among the wider community in the years to come; there is an equal need for CSHR partners to ensure that they carry out their duties and responsibilities towards creating a culture of and respect for human rights towards the development of the nation.

My heartfelt thanks to the Vice Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty of Law and members of the Board of Management for their continued support of the CSHR; to all the other partners and persons who worked alongside the CSHR to ensure the success of its activities; and finally to the staff without whom none of this would have been possible.

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Introduction

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR) was established in 1991 in response to extensive human rights violations in Sri Lanka. It was set up as an organisation within the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, with the objective of making the public aware of their rights and remedies for the violation of rights.

Over the years, the CSHR reached out to several groups such as secondary school students, rural and plantation communities, the university community, armed forces, police and prison officers, quazis, media personnel, prison inmates and the general public among others.

The CSHR works on five thematic areas: Human Rights Education, Human Rights Research, Capacity Building, Knowledge Services and Institutional Development.

In relation to Human Rights Education, the CSHR offers advanced training programmes, distance and online learning programmes, a postgraduate diploma, a regional master's programme and a local master's programme, which are conducted as a combined programme in the second semester.

In terms of Research, the CSHR carries out practically applicable research in relation to rights and has also conducted research for other organisations.

In terms of Capacity Building, the CSHR works towards strengthening the capacity of those in state and non state sectors with the aim of protecting and promoting their rights as well as the rights of persons these groups work with.

The objective of the CSHR's Resource Centre is to provide Knowledge Services to students, academics, researchers and the general public by providing access to a wide range of human rights related material.

The final focus area of the CSHR is Institutional Development, which aims to provide opportunities for its Staff to improve their knowledge, skills and capacities towards disseminating the message of Human Rights to CSHR's partners effectively and efficiently.

The CSHR's goal is to contribute to a society that is entrenched in upholding the values of respect and dignity of all people.

Summary of Activities

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

- Master of Human Rights and Democratisation - Asia Pacific and Local
- Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Rights
- Diploma Programmes on Human Rights
- Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Democracy
- E Diploma in Human Rights
- Diploma in Human Rights based Policing
- Six Month Distance Learning Advanced Certificate in Human Rights Approach to Prison Administration
- Certificate Course on Human Rights and Fundamental Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH

- Enhancing Human Rights Protection – EHRP - Phase II

CAPACITY BUILDING

- All-inclusive Reconciliation and Development in Eastern Sri Lanka
- UNSCR 1325 for Uplifting the Socio-Economic and Cultural Status of Conflict Affected Women
- Programme on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law for Junior Commanders of the Air Force
- Strengthening Enforcement of the Law, Access to Justice and Social Integration
- Capacity Building for Academic Staff of MHRD

KNOWLEDGE SERVICES

- Resource Centre

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Capacity Building for Staff

Human Rights Education

The CSHR initiated education programmes in 1996 to provide basic knowledge to the general public on the concept of human rights and a background to the law of Sri Lanka. Moving towards its vision, educational programmes aim to enhance the understanding of the multidimensional nature of human rights through formal educational programmes conducted at national level for State actors and civil society. Target groups include undergraduates, graduates, public and private sectors, officers of law enforcement agencies and security forces among others. The duration of these programmes vary from a minimum of three months to one year. CSHR adopts diverse, innovative and student oriented instructing modes in disseminating knowledge and student evaluation. The following educational programmes were carried out during the year.

Postgraduate Programmes

Master of Human Rights and Democratisation – MHRD - (Asia Pacific) – 2017/18

The one year Asia Pacific Masters degree programme was launched in 2010 in collaboration with partner universities of the Asia Pacific region, including the University of Sydney (the coordinating partner), Mahidol University (Thailand), Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia) and Kathmandu School of Law (Nepal) and the Ateneo de Manila Law School (the Philippines) joining as a partner subsequently.

The inauguration of the second semester of the 2017/2018 intake of the Asia Pacific Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (MHRD) (Regional Programme) was held on 27 January at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The Inaugural Seminar was graced by Mr Paul Godfrey, Head of Political, Trade and Communication Section, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and Maldives. Ms. Indira Nanayakkara, Dean, Faculty of Law, Professor Ravindra Fernando, Acting Director, Ms Wasantha Seneviratne, Acting Deputy Director, teaching staff of the MHRD programme, invitees and CSHR staff attended the programme.

A panel discussion on *Justification for Constitutional Reform: which way forward?* was held as part of the inauguration. Mr. Gehan Gunatilleke spoke on *Constitutionalising Socio-Economic Rights*. Professor Sharya Scharenguivel as the first Respondent spoke on *Impediments in the Constitution to Realizing the Rights of Women and Children*, while Mr. Niran Anketell as the second Respondent spoke on *Justiciable Socio-Economic Rights: Some Concerns*.



The following international students including a student from Sri Lanka, followed the

international programme

1. Joy Quitain Hernandez (The Philippines)
2. Koong Hui Yein (Malaysia)
3. Neupane Madhu Bilas (Nepal)
4. Ashma Rahman (Bangladesh)
5. Hettiarachchige Niluka Dilshan Perera (Sri Lanka)

This year, two students from the 2016/2017 Batch graduated from the University of Colombo.

A Curriculum Review took place on 20 July at CSHR for the programme, where academics from the Faculty of Law participated, including the Acting Director and Acting Deputy Director, Academic Coordinator and Project Coordinator of the programme.

The Asia Pacific Master of Human Rights and Democratisation programme is co-funded by the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation.

Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Local) – 2017/18

The CSHR introduced a local Master's degree programme parallel to the Asia Pacific programme in 2014. The Inauguration of the fourth intake of the Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Local) programme took place at the Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR), University of Colombo on 25 August. The inauguration was graced by Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Alternatives; Professor Sharya Scharenguivel, Acting Director, CSHR; Professor Ravindra Fernando, Former Acting Director, CSHR; and Ms. Wasantha Seneviratne, Acting Deputy Director, CSHR. Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu delivered an insightful keynote speech on *Trajectory of Constitutional Reform in Sri Lanka - Implications for National Development and Reconciliation*.

The inauguration was attended by teaching staff of the Faculty of Law, external teaching staff of the MHRD programme and students of the programme.



This year, five students from the 2016/2017 Batch of the Local programme graduated from the

University of Colombo.

The 13 students who enrolled in this intake are as follows.

1. A H M D T Abeyrathna
2. N A N Danish
3. W A D C Dayananda
4. H S L De Saram
5. W A S W Gunathilaka
6. B S Kennedy
7. V V S K Pathirana
8. S A E Rahman
9. H M Rushdhie
10. S Samuel
11. P H M Thrimavithana
12. M R Weththasinghe
13. S Gowthami

Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Rights (PGDCPR)

This is a new postgraduate programme targeted at the child protection sector, child rights and human rights activists, professionals engaged in protecting and promoting child rights and preventing child abuse in society. This programme aims to provide and develop the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes in the area of child protection, rights and policy. This postgraduate diploma is taught using an inter-disciplinary approach, in recognition of the contribution that different disciplines have to make in the field of child rights and child protection. This programme is offered both in Sinhala and Tamil medium and is mainly funded by the NCPA.

The inauguration was held on 27 January with lectures commencing on 18 March. 88 students followed the programme.

Diploma Programmes on Human Rights

Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Democracy – DLDHRD

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the DLDHRD 2015/16 batch was held on 4th December at the FGS Auditorium, University of Colombo. 33 students from the Sinhala medium and 17 students from the Tamil medium successfully completed the programme.

**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS-UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY
DISTANCE LEARNING DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY
E DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS - 2015/16**



The inauguration of the DLDHRD 2016/2017 Batch was held on 29 April.



E Diploma in Human Rights

The objective of this one year diploma programme 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.

Nine students sat the end of year examination held on 29 April and 2 students successfully completed the programme during the year.

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony for the 2016/17 batch was held on 4 December at the Auditorium, College House, and University of Colombo. Two Students were awarded the E-Diploma in Human Rights at this ceremony together with the other programmes of the CSHR.

The inauguration and orientation for the 2017/18 batch was held on 16 September at the CSHR with the keynote address being made by Dr Pradeepa Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo. Twenty one students from various fields enrolled in the programme.



Diploma in Human Rights based Policing

This is a new diploma programme that was introduced, based on the findings of the project on Enhancing Human Rights Protection (EHRP) implemented by the CSHR and the Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal, in collaboration with the University of Sydney, Australia.

This programme intends to formulate the tested strategy into a formal training programme designed especially for Police personnel in Sri Lanka. The inauguration was held on 27 January. The programme commenced on 23 September and was offered in both Sinhala and Tamil mediums with funding from the Department of Police.

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

The Six Month Distance Learning Advanced Certificate in Human Rights Approach to Prison Administration was conducted in the Sinhala and Tamil mediums for Prison Officers with funding from the Department of Prisons.

The inauguration of the programme was held on 29th of April at the Ceylon Room, Faculty of Law. 24 officers from the Sinhala medium and 6 officers from the Tamil medium registered for the programme, with 28 officers successfully completing the programme.

The Certificate Awarding ceremony was held on 4th December at the FGS Auditorium, University of Colombo.

**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS-UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
DISTANCE LEARNING ADVANCE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RIGHTS
APPROACH TO PRISON ADMINISTRATION-2017**



Certificate Course on Human Rights and Fundamental Rights

This is a new 30 hour Certificate Course that was conducted in Puttlam in the Sinhala medium, funded by FRIENDS (Forum for Rural Income and Environmental Development).

The main objective of this programme is to provide comprehensive knowledge to persons who have an interest to develop their knowledge of Human Rights.

The inauguration of the above course was held on 1 July in Puttlam with 89 students having registered for the programme conducted in the Sinhala medium. 33 students successfully completed the programme and were awarded certificates at the Awards Ceremony held on 4th December together with the other programmes of the CSHR.

**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS-UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
CERTIFICATE COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS & FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
2017**



Human Rights Research

Enhancing Human Rights Protection - EHRP – Phase II

As a part of Phase II of the project on Enhancing Human Rights Protection (EHRP), initially implemented in collaboration with the University of Sydney from 2012-2014, and to further explore the area of institutional violence, the CSHR conducted micro level research in the Seruvila Divisional Secretariat (DS) Division in the Eastern Province. Field visits were made to the division to gather data during the year with 270 survey forms being completed during the year. The report is to be finalised.

Capacity Building

All-inclusive Reconciliation and Development in Eastern Sri Lanka (AiRD)

This project identified the need to respond to the challenges faced in Seruvila and Verugal DS Divisions in the Eastern Province, where there was a lack of stability and development, mainly due to ethnic and religious issues.

The project, implemented by World Vision Lanka and the CSHR focused on capacitating the grassroots community including women and children through their associations in collaboration with civic and religious organisations with the aim of strengthening services, improving governance, promoting reconciliation, inclusion and development in the two DS Divisions.

Towards this end, the CSHR conducted two Advanced Training Programmes on *The Law and The Citizen* and *Women's and Children's Rights* to enhance legal awareness and access to advice for vulnerable populations; Legal Aid Clinics and established human rights and legal resource centres in the two DS Divisions.

The project was completed at the end of 2016 and the final reports were submitted to World Vision Lanka at the end of January. This project was funded by the EU.

UNSCR 1325 for Uplifting the Socio-Economic and Cultural Status of Conflict Affected Women

Phase II of this project was implemented from 2014 to 2016 under the theme 'Women, UNSCR 1325 and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR)', where interventions - based on UNSCR 1325 - were introduced to uplift the socio-economic and cultural status of conflict-affected women in the Northern and Eastern Provinces and in Anuradhapura and Puttlam districts. Target groups comprised conflict affected women, government officers, military and police, participants of the Advanced Training Programme including those trained as paralegals, international and local NGOs and CBOs, students and academia.

The Project Completion Report and all other deliverables were submitted to the funder, Fokus Women, in March.

Programme on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law for Junior Commanders of the Air Force

Since 2008, the CSHR has been conducting three 3 Day programmes annually for the Junior Command and Staff Course of the Air Force, where officers of the Army and Navy also participate.

The objectives of the programme are as follows.

- To provide a comprehensive understanding of international human rights law and international humanitarian law together with comparative Sri Lankan Law to officers of the Armed Forces
- To develop skills of officers of the Armed Forces to operationalise their duties in a manner that protects and respects the rights, dignity and values of fellow human beings

Three 3 day programmes were conducted for the 53rd, 54th and 55th batches through the Junior Commanders and Staff Course on the following dates: 20-22 March, 17-19 July and 13-15 November respectively for a total of 83 officers including officers from the South Asian region. This programme is funded by the Sri Lanka Air Force.

Strengthening Enforcement of the Law, Access to Justice and Social Integration

A Two Day Residential Workshop was conducted for 143 Scene of Crime Officers (SOCO) at Sri Lanka Foundation on 25 and 26 January. Resource persons comprised a forensic expert, chief judicial medical officer, government analyst, an academic, scientist and DIG Crime of the Police Department.

The programme was coordinated with CI Duminda De Silva, Police Criminal Records Division and Ms Chandrika Karunaratne, Technical Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) by the Projects Manager and conducted by the Assistant Librarian, CSHR.



Capacity Building for Academic Staff of MHRD

A discussion on *Work-life Balance* was conducted for academic staff of the MHRD programme on 20 July. The resource person for the session was Professor Lalitha Mendis.

This programme was funded by the MHRD Programme.

Knowledge Services

Knowledge services aims to provide multicultural and multidisciplinary knowledge services to keep pace with knowledge on human rights by creating awareness among diverse groups of persons at different levels. During the year, CSHR provided knowledge to students, academics, researchers and other persons through its Resource Centre, located within its premises.

Resource Centre

The number of books in the Resource Centre increased over the year with 354 new books being added to the collection. The number of books available for referencing added up to approximately 3,574.

The usual number of core journals was subscribed to, so that latest periodical information was received.

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 also used for the various education and capacity building programmes conducted by CSHR throughout the year.

Donations

A generous donation of publications was received from Mr. John Hucker, Former Secretary General, Canadian Human Rights Commission; Professor Sharya Scharenguivel, Acting Director; Professor Ravindra Fernando, Former Acting Director; Ms. Wasantha Seneviratne, Acting Deputy Director; Dr. Rose Wijeyesekera, Mr. V T Thamilmaran and Ms. Danushka Medawatte of the Faculty of Law; Ms. Nan Khan Yone and Mr K K T Kumarasiri, MHRD Students and the Student Union of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

Online Database

All information on books received and location of journal articles was made available on the library online database and updated throughout the year. The library database was hosted on the CSHR website, with a searching facility so that the readers, the university community and the general public could search and locate publications they need, on the internet.

Resource Centre Users

The following memberships were given to all Resource Centre users during the year, for a scheduled period, with the exception of undergraduates having to make a payment. A total number of 584 new undergraduate members joined the Resource Centre as detailed below.

Undergraduate memberships from the University of Colombo

Faculty of Law	432
Faculty of Arts	127
<i>Total</i>	<i>559</i>

Memberships from other Universities

University of Sri Jayewardenepura	02
University of Jaffna	23
Total	25
<i>Total undergraduate memberships</i>	<i>584</i>

Other Memberships

Per week	21
One month	05
Per quarter	16
Six months	01
<i>Total</i>	<i>43</i>

Book Borrowing Facility

Books are permitted to be borrowed only by staff of the Faculty of Law. Twenty members of staff borrowed and returned 130 books during the course of the year.

Photocopy Service

The smooth running of the photocopy service was a great asset to the students during assignment time, when the demand for photocopies was high. A total number of 1,681 orders were received during the year.

The number of users attending the Resource Centre for the year was 6955, as users have been requested to sign in only once for the day.

Institutional Development

Capacity Building for Staff

The two-day workshop for Staff was held on 27 and 28 July at Avani, Kalutara. The resource persons were Ms Sabrina Esufally, Analyst and Head of Law, Verité Research, on Day One and Mr Prasanna Perera on Day Two. On Day One, Ms Esufally imparted knowledge on the 'Purpose of Research', after which groups were formed and had to come up with ways of conducting research, which each group presented. Thereafter, team building activities were planned and conducted by Staff.

On Day Two, Mr Prasanna Perera, former Psychological and Career Guidance Counsellor, University of Colombo, conducted sessions on identity, motivation, team building and stress management.

This programme was funded by the MHRD Programme.



Date	Venue	Programme	Participants
3 and 4 January	College House	Workshop on Third World Approaches to International Law Workshop on the role and (Organised by the Faculty of Law)	Chathuri Jayawardana Vidura Munasinghe Nazmila Iqbal
3 October	Movenpick	Workshop on the importance of archives for transitional justice and reconciliation processes - Sharing of Country experiences, practices and challenges (Organised by the UN)	Kushangika Nawaratne
30 October	Nelum Pokuna	40 th Anniversary celebration of World Vision Lanka	Nilani de Silva
25 November	College House	Inauguration and sessions of the Symposium of the Faculty of Law	Rasika Mendis Nilani de Silva Yothini Selvananthan

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