



NHRC Condemns Pahalgam Attack

Why in News?

The [National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#), India, expresses deep distress over [terrorists](#) killing 28 people after identifying their faith in the Pahalgam area of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on 22nd April, 2025.

Key Points

- **Condemnation of the Attack:**
 - The Commission strongly condemns the brutal attack on unarmed, innocent civilians who were on a holiday in the valley.
 - This heinous act has deeply disturbed the conscience of every right-thinking individual, as it involves a **serious violation of human rights**, affecting the victims and their families.
- **Role of Terrorism in Human Rights Violations:**
 - Terrorism has consistently been recognized as one of the primary causes of human rights violations globally.
 - Immediate **action** is necessary **against those who aid, abet, support, or advance terrorism**, holding them accountable for the devastating impact of this menace.
 - Failing to take action may lead to the erosion of democratic values, increased intimidation, reprisals, community disharmony, and grave violations of human rights, including the **rights to life, liberty, equality, fraternity, and livelihood**.
- **State Accountability and Justice:**
 - The Commission expects the **State to take all required measures to establish accountability**, ensure justice for the perpetrators, and provide support to the victims' families in every possible way.

NATIONAL HUMAN Rights COMMISSION (NHRC)

According to NHRC, Human Rights are the rights relating to life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the Constitution or embodied in the International Covenants and enforceable by courts in India

- Watchdog of Human Rights in India
- **Estd:** 1993 (in conformity with Universal Declaration of Human Rights)
- **Act:** Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993

State Human Rights Commissions

- Also constituted under the PHR Act, 1993
- **Appointment of Members:** by Governor
- **Removal of Members:** by President

Human Rights Day: 10 December

Functions

- 🕒 Investigates Complaints of human rights violations
- 🕒 *Suo Moto* cognizance of cases
- 🕒 Reviews and recommends human rights implementation
- 🕒 Spreading human rights awareness
- 🕒 Conduct studies, publish reports on human rights issues

Powers

- 🕒 Summon individuals, examine witnesses, and receive evidences
- 🕒 Inspect prisons and other institutions to ensure conditions are humane
- 🕒 Intervene in court proceedings relating to human rights

Members of NHRC

Composition

- 🕒 5 full-time members and 7 deemed members
- 🕒 **Chairperson:** Retired CJI/Judges of the SC
- 🕒 **Administrative Head:** Secretary-General

Appointment

- 🕒 All members appointed by **President** on recommendations of a **6-member** committee (PM, Speaker of LS, Deputy Chairman of RS, Union Home Minister and Leaders of Opposition of both Houses of Parliament)

Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Status

- NHRC has been accredited 'A' Status since 1999
- **Retained 'A' Status:** 2006, 2011 and 2017
- **Suspension of 'A' Status:** 2023 and 2024

Tenure

- 🕒 3 years / till age 70 (whichever is earlier)

Removal

- 🕒 President can remove the chairman or any member
- 🕒 **Ground:** Charges of proved misbehaviour or incapacity



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