

Press Note

Haryana Institute of Public Administration organized a Seminar on "Human Rights: Issues and Concerns" on 21.4.2009 , in which eminent and distinguished experts and panelists participated. The proceedings opened with welcome address by Director HIPA , Mrs. Rajni Sekhri Sibal , IAS, where she welcomed the dignitaries and participants in the Seminar.. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Justice S.Rajender Babu , Chairperson , National Human Rights Commission, where in he elaborated on the various "Constitutional Provisions" of Human Rights and informed that there is urgent need to implement the provisions for effective protection of Human Rights.

Dr.K.P.Singh, Additional Director General of Police, Haryana , elaborated on the Police Reforms and "Police Perspective" of preventing Human Rights violations. He explained the Human Rights Challenges in details and informed that although the police believe in the " Rule of Law" but the " rule of Justice" goes much beyond this. He called for dignified behavior with the people by the agents of criminal justice.

Prof. D.Banerjea , Ex. Chief Coordinator, School of Criminal Justice & Administration , National University Juridical, Calcutta , in his enlightened presentation highlighted various issues and legal provisions under Cr.Pc. pertaining to Human Rights and observed that the essence of human rights is dignity of human beings. He emphasized on the need for enforcement of special law specific to victims of human rights violation.

Sh. Ajay Pandey, Lawyer and a Human Rights Practitioner, informed that the protection of Human Rights is embodied in our culture and the "Preamble" of the constitution of India is so elaborates that it is the "Constitution" by itself. He informed that the Right to Information Act has given a tool to all the citizens of India to participate in the strengthening of Human Rights and concluded that if we do not honour human rights then the people will revolt. Since in India, the ultimate powers rests with the people. The proceedings were followed by a lively discussion. The crux of the discussion was that in order to ensure proper implementation of Human Rights legislation, there is a need to create awareness among the people through education and media.