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संविधान दिवस

सभी देशवासियों को भारतीय संविधान की 75वीं वर्षगांठ के पावन अवसर पर संविधान दिवस की बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं।

श्री नरेंद्र मोदी
प्रधान मंत्री

Reading of the Preamble in NCM on 26th November, 2024



भारत का संविधान उद्देशिका

हम, भारत के लोग, भारत को एक संपूर्ण प्रभुत्व-संपन्न, समाजवादी, पंथ-निरपेक्ष, लोकतंत्रात्मक गणराज्य बनाने के लिए तथा उसके समस्त नागरिकों को:

सामाजिक, आर्थिक और राजनैतिक न्याय,

विचार, अभिव्यक्ति, विश्वास, धर्म

और उपासना की स्वतंत्रता,

प्रतिष्ठा और अवसर की समता

प्राप्त कराने के लिए,

तथा उन सब में व्यक्ति की गरिमा और

राष्ट्र की एकता और अखंडता

सुनिश्चित करने वाली बंधुता बढ़ाने के लिए

दृढ़संकल्प होकर अपनी इस संविधान सभा में आज तारीख 26 नवंबर, 1949 ई. (मिति मार्गशीर्ष शुक्ला सप्तमी, संवत् दो हजार छह विक्रमी) को एतद्वारा इस संविधान को अंगीकृत, अधिनियमित और आत्मार्पित करते हैं।

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समता सुरक्षा सौहार्द

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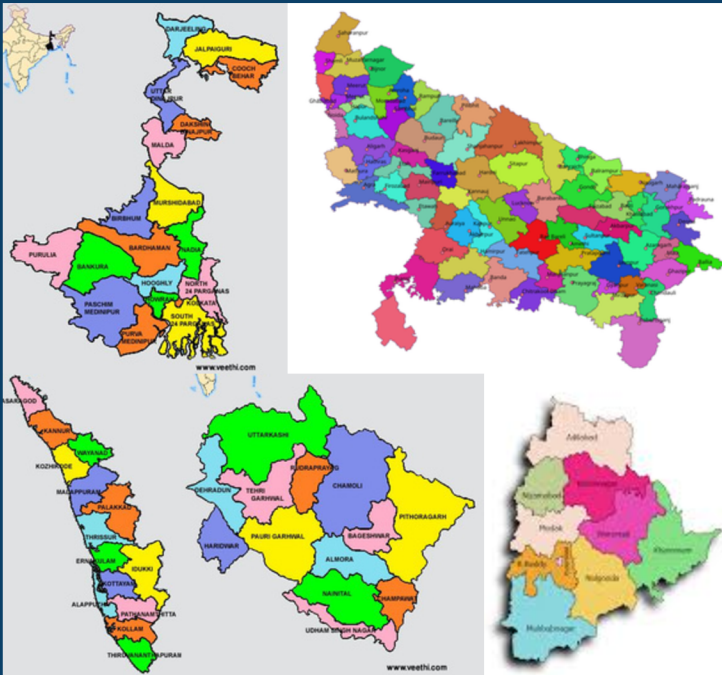
Functions of the Commission



Functions of the Commission are provided under Section 9(1) of the NCM Act, 1992

The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:--

- Evaluate the progress of the development of minorities under the Union and States;
- Monitor the working of the safeguards provided in the Constitution and in laws enacted by Parliament and the State Legislatures;
- Make recommendations for the effective implementation of safeguards for the protection of the interests of minorities by the Central Government or the State Governments;
- Look into specific complaints regarding deprivation of rights and safeguards of the minorities and take up such matters with the appropriate authorities;
- Cause studies to be undertaken into problems arising out of any discrimination against minorities and recommend measures for their removal;
- Conduct studies, research and analysis on the issues relating to socio-economic and educational development of minorities;
- Suggest appropriate measures in respect of any minority to be undertaken by the Central Government or the State Governments;
- Make periodical or special reports to the Central Government on any matter pertaining to minorities and in particular difficulties confronted by them; and
- Any other matter which may be referred to it by the Central Government.



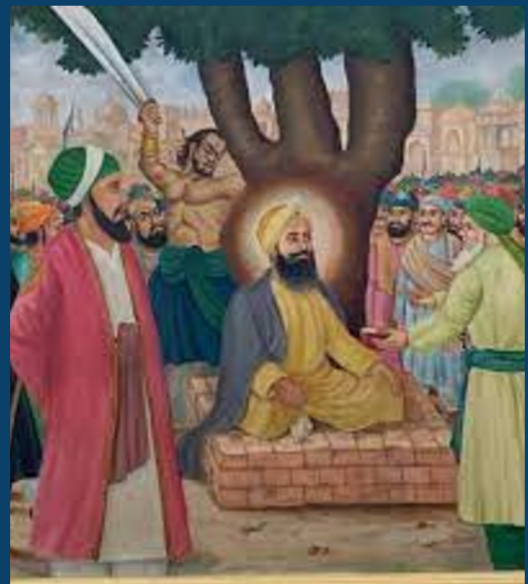
Discussion with the States

- NCM has started regular State specific video conferencing.
- Dialogue aims for faster resolution of grievances and early adoption of the NCM recommendations.
- Addressing challenges related to the issuance of Minority Certificates.

Inside the Issue

- International Abhidhamma Divas Celebration.
- Sarv Dharm Samvad- 555th Prakash Parab of Guru Nanak Dev ji and other meetings.
- 8th NCM Meeting & main deliberations.
- Visits of the Commission to various States.
- Focus State : Punjab.
- Community Consultations.
- Grievance Redressal.
- We are pleased to announce that NCM will soon have a Research and Data Analysis Division.

Guru Tegh Bahadur Shaheedi Diwas



Commemorates the fearless spirit of the spiritual leader who fought for the rights of people and sacrificed his life.



अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अभिधम्म दिवस 2024

पाली भाषा को क्लैसिकल लैंग्वेज का ये दर्जा, शास्त्रीय भाषा का ये दर्जा, पाली भाषा का ये सम्मान.....भगवान बुद्ध की महान विरासत का सम्मान है।

श्री नरेंद्र मोदी
प्रधान मंत्री

Abhidhamma Divas

- Abhidhamma Divas commemorates the day when Lord Buddha descended from the celestial realm, Tāvatiṃsa-devaloka, to Sankassiya (now Sankisa Basantapur) in Uttar Pradesh.
- The Ashoka Elephant Pillar, a historical marker at the site, marks this significant event.
- According to Theravāda Buddhist texts, Lord Buddha spent three months teaching the Abhidhamma (Higher Teachings) to the deities in Tāvatiṃsa, including his mother.
- It coincides with the **recognition of Pali as a classical language** and represents a significant stride in India's efforts to preserve and promote Buddhism's rich legacy.

NCM on International Abhidhamma Diwas



- Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member, NCM with Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs and Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and others.
- The function was organized by Ministry of Culture and IBC.



सर्व धर्म संवाद 15th November' 2024

Celebrating Guru Parb
marking the 555th anniversary
of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Ardas, Akhand Path and Ragis
singing marked the occassion

Celebrations

Celebrating the spirit of "IK Onkar" which means the God is one and Guru Nanak ji's teachings that by following the path of humanity and spirituality, one can attain the salvation and get the blessings of the supreme power.

Religious Preachers of all religions participated on the auspicious occasion affirming amity, brotherhood and tolerance.

Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman NCM, Shri Deboo Vice Chairman, Members- Ms Lhamo and Ms Shahezadi were also present.

Greetings on the auspicious occasion of Sri Guru Nanak Jayanti. May the teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji inspire us to further the spirit of compassion, kindness and humility. May it also motivate us to serve society and make our planet better.

Sri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

समता सुरक्षा सौहार्द

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सर्व धर्म संवाद 5th November' 2024

- A dialogue was held with all the 6 minority faith including Bahai faith.
- It aimed to promote mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among diverse religious groups
- The occasion also marked the birth anniversary of the Twin Prophet founder of the 'Baha-i' faith, BAb and Baha -u-llah.
- Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman, NCM presided over the meeting.

Discussions:

- Commonality of values of tolerance, love and humanity in all religions.
 - Need for greater interreligious dialogues to combat prejudices and increasing social cohesion.
 - Need for teaching Indian civilizational history and values to the youth at school and college level.
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- Contribution of Muslim Community in the Nation's development.
 - Importance of universal values, promoting interfaith dialogue.

Dialogue with the Community



A discussion with Muslim Community on - 19.11.2024 at Delhi.

Sri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman, NCM presided over the discussion.



8th NCM Meeting 2024 -25

- 8th NCM meeting was held on 20th November, 2024.
- Approved professional service support in publishing reports, studies and newsletter.
- Approved two State Annual Awards for the State Minority Commissions performance.

**Approved embedding of
National Clearing House for
data management**

Deliberations

- Recent Supreme Court Judgements (three) were studied in the meeting.
- RBI report on Credit facilities to Minorities Community for 2023-24 were discussed. It was noted that amount of lending and total number of loan accounts have increased in Minority Concentration Districts.
- PLFS data regarding employment amongst minorities was also deliberated. The interfaith differentials were discussed and more insight was sought on these.

Research and Data Analysis Division



A new Research and Data Analysis Division was approved to fulfill NCM Mandate under section 9(1) (a), (b), (e) & (f) .

It will professionalise the way NCM manages the data and undertakes research.



Visits of Commission

Meeting of Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Vice Chairman with District Collector and SP of Valsad District, Gujarat on land issues of Parsi Community.

NCM has also issued an advisory to the Chief Secretary, Gujarat for increasing due diligence to restrict any fraudulent land transfers of Parsis.

Shri Kersi K Deboo, Vice-Chairman and Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member held discussions with Lakshadweep Private Tourism Sector (LTDA) in Agatti, Lakshadweep.

Discussion Points

- Need to Strengthen State Minorities Commission in 18 States and establishing State Commissions in the remaining States where the Act is not enacted.
 - Improving education facilities to the minority communities.
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- Standardising and providing basic facilities at the minority pilgrimage sites.
 - Harnessing the potential of tourism to increase employment in minority pilgrimage towns.

Visit to Arunachal Pradesh



Meeting of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member, NCM with Shri Pema Khandu, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh.

Issues of Tawang pertaining to Ani Gompa, waste management were also discussed with the Community.



Visit to Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand & Karnataka

- Member Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde visited Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh. and Karnataka.
- Discussion regarding the need to construct medication rooms, Samuday Bhavan, Shakti Dham and medicinal plant garden in Kunnoor, Karnataka.
- Promotion and facilitation of Dongargarh as a Tourism Centre in Chhattisgarh.

Discussion Points

- Need to conduct advocacy of Central and State Government Schemes for minorities in both urban and rural areas of all districts in Uttarakhand.
 - To take steps for improving social cohesion, resolution of grievances of people.
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- Standardising and providing basic facilities at the minority pilgrimage sites.
 - Harnessing the potential of tourism to increase employment in minority pilgrimage towns.

Discussion in Hyderabad



Meeting of Syed Shahezadi, Member, with State Level Officers of Employment and Skill Development Department at Hyderabad on 04.11.2024.

Focus State: Punjab



Demographics

Total Population : 1,69,66,750

- Sikh : 1,60,04,754
- Muslim : 5,35,489
- Christian : 3,48,230
- Buddhist : 33,237
- Jain : 45,040
- Parsi : Not provided

Districts

Amritsar, Barnala, Bathinda, Fajilka, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Firozpur, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Ludhiana, Malerkotla, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nawashahr, Pathankot, Patiala, Rupnagar, Sangrur, SAS Nagar, Taran Taran

Punjab State Commission for Minorities

- The Punjab State Commission for Minorities Act, 2012 was passed by Punjab Legislative Assembly under Punjab Act No. 13 of 2013.
- This was assented to the Governor of Punjab on the 1st February, 2013.
- The Headquarters of the Commission shall be located at Ajitgarh (Mohali).
- The Commission shall consist a Chairman with five non-official members from the Minorities.

Governance Structure in Punjab for Minorities

- Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities
- Directorate of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities
- Punjab State Commission for Minorities
- Punjab Waqf Board
- Punjab State Haj Committee

NCM in Focus State Punjab

Category-wise Complaints



NCM Grievances in the State

NCM has received 129 grievances in 2023-24.

71 grievances are awaiting reports and resolution.

Action Taken report on NCM recommendations is awaited.

Key Suggestions of NCM

- To submit a strategic approach to address the growing need for a focused media campaign against the possible misrepresent cultural and religious values in the youth with the aim at combating misinformation and promoting positive role models for Sikh youth in Punjab.
- Inclusion of history and contribution of Sikh Gurus and Warriors in the School Education and National Curriculum Framework – to make a presentation to collaborate the initiative.
- To change the name of Lawrence Road to Maharaja Ranjit Singh Road in Amritsar.
- To take necessary action for taking steps on skilling, knowledge and technology transfer for food processing for value addition in agriculture.
- To consider starting a State funded coaching and career development programme for improving representation of minorities in Public services including All India Service, Defence and Paramilitary services.
- To invite multi-national companies to enhance youth empowerment through training and mentorship which would provide job opportunities for the youth.

Commission in Punjab



Visits of NCM to Punjab

Amritsar, Patiala, Ropar, Chandigarh, Mohali, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Kapurthala.



Impact of NCM: Grievance Redressal

- The Commission took suo-motu cognizance of the matter of the pending compensation for the families affected by the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.
- Following the approval of the Lieutenant Governor, Shri V.K. Saxena, appointment letters were issued to the eligible families.
- The Delhi government has relaxed job norms by providing age and educational concessions for the families of the 1984 riot victims.
- Additionally, it has announced a drive to hold camps for the remaining families.

Jobs to the members of 47 victim families of 1984 anti-Sikh riot

Benefit of NCM in Grievance Management

- In November, NCM has received 424 grievances.
 - In this month 768 grievances were disposed off.
 - NCM stressed on the need for early resolution of grievances pending for more than 3 months.
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- Offline Complaints can be sent on email: grievance-ncm@gov.in
 - NCM has a helpline no **1800-110-088** functional in office hours.

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