



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

National Commission for Human Rights, Islamabad

and

Higher Education Commission, Islamabad

The National Commission for Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as NCHR) and the Higher Education Commission (hereinafter referred to as HEC), collectively referred to as “the parties” are entering into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) through this MoU, the parties herein agreed to work together for the promotion of human rights as enshrined in the Constitution and International Human Rights Conventions to which Pakistan is a party at institutes of Higher Education in Pakistan.

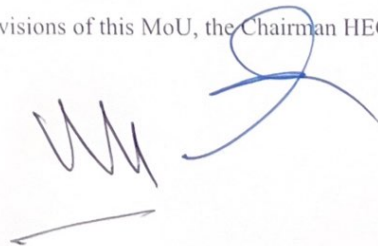
Purpose and Scope:

1. The purpose of this MoU is to create a framework of cooperation between the parties for following purposes;
 - i. To create awareness, promote research and studies in the field of human rights at Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) in Pakistan;
 - ii. To equip academia, researchers, professionals and students with knowledge and understanding of the fundamental doctrines, principles and compliance of International human right laws and to impart trainings to develop the intellectual, practical and transferable skills necessary for that purpose;
 - iii. To spread human rights literacy and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, print and electronic media, seminars and other available means in all major languages of the country;

- iv. To make efforts to introduce, strengthen up or expand courses, and programmes of studies in human rights at HEI's particularly on rights of marginalized groups including women, children and minorities;
- v. To undertake and promote academic research in the field of human rights, thereby contributing to the development of a culture that values human rights.
- vi. To work for the establishment of human rights study centers at HEI's to undertake research and study treaties, other international instruments on human rights that Pakistan has signed and ratified and to make recommendations for their effective implementation.
- vii. To create and distribute digital content aimed at enhancing understanding and awareness of human rights principles among a wider audience, leveraging online platforms and digital media channels.

Responsibilities under this MoU:

2. The parties hereby agreed to undertake and promote studies and research in the field of human rights in following manners;
 - i. To jointly arrange seminars, walks conferences and workshops throughout the country.
 - ii. To hold seminars, workshops, offer short courses and training to carry out research activities.
 - iii. To hold essay writing and poetry competitions, debates, declamation contests, painting & poster making competitions, performing art etc. amongst the students of HEI's.
 - iv. To undertake human rights literacy campaign and in the context to publish inspiring, motivating, and persuading booklets, pamphlets and brochures within the prescribed legal and cultural limits and in accordance with law and constitution.
 - v. Any other activity jointly agreed between the parties within the sphere of this MoU.
3. The development and implementation of specific activities based on this MoU will be separately agreed and arranged with consultation of both parties.
4. Activities having financial implications will be negotiated and agreed between the parties separately.
5. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this MoU, the Chairman HEC and NCHR have powers to remove the difficulty.

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IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE
PARTIES THAT:


Duration: This MoU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of the parties. This MoU shall become effective upon signature and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by anyone of the parties on mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the parties, this MoU shall end after the expiry of three years.

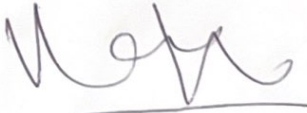
Termination: This MoU shall remain in force initially for a period of three years from the date of signatures of the parties. The MoU may be terminated by either party giving a written notice to the other party at least thirty calendar days in advance of the effective date of termination. The termination shall not affect the validity or duration of activities or agreements under this MoU which are initiated prior to such termination.

Liaison: NCHR and HEC will maintain regular liaison to foster cooperation and to ensure that there is proper and effective communication between the parties on the implementation of agreed agenda.

Effective date and Signature: This MoU shall be effective upon the signatures of the parties.

Focal Person(s) of HEC: The activities under this MoU shall be undertaken by the Academics and NAHE division of HEC (depending upon the nature of activity).


Executive Director
Higher Education Commission
Islamabad


Secretary
National Commission for Human Rights
Islamabad

Dated: February 15, 2024