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एकता दिवस

एक सच्चे भारतीय होने के नाते हम सभी देशवासियों का यह कर्तव्य है कि हम देश की एकता के हर प्रयास को उत्साह और उमंग से भर दें।

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Highlights

Focus State : Uttarakhand

Consultations : A dialogue with the eminent Sikhs

Know the Schemes : Jiyo Parsi



The Chairman, NCM

Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura was born on 7th February, 1953 at Lalpura, Ropar in Punjab.

A former IPS officer he was nominated the Chairman, NCM between 10.09.2021 to 01.02.2022. He was reappointed and has been serving since 13th April, 2022.

He has authored more than 25 publications i.e Japji Sahib Ek Vichar, Gurbani Katha-Vichar, Musalman Kahawan Mushkil, Bharaman Bhala Aakhiye, Lalkarde Sahibzade, Sikhism : The Divine Faith, Tilak Janju da Rakha, Sewak Ko Sewa Ban Aye etc.

Former Chairmen of Statutory Commission



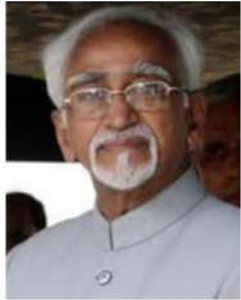
Prof. Tahir Mahmood
26.11.1996 - 25.11.1999



Justice Mohammed Shamim
21.01.2000 - 20.01.2003



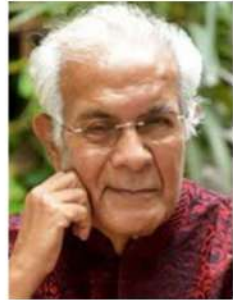
Shri Tarlochan Singh
07.02.2003 - 06.02.2006



Mohammad Hamid Ansari
06.03.2006 - 21.07.2007



Mohammad Shafi Qureshi
06.03.2007 - 02.09.2010



Wajahat Habibullah
03.02.2011 - 02.02.2014.



Naseem Ahmad
06.03.2006 - 21.07.2007



Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi
26.05.2017 - 25.05.2020



Chairman, NCM is nominated by the Central Government under Section 3(2) of the NCM Act, 1992. The term is of three years.

Justice Mohd. Sardar Ali Khan, the first Chairman of statutory Commission, was nominated on 05.07.1993.

After him, 9 persons of eminence were appointed as the Chairperson of the NCM.



Meeting with Sikh Community 9th October, 2024

- A meeting was chaired by Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura with eminent Sikh representatives.
- More than 50 eminent Sikhs, retired Generals and Senior army men, lawyers, industrialists, academicians, members of ex-royal families etc participated.
- Meeting was aimed to promote wider dialogue and consultation for understanding the key issues and to recommend the way forward for further development of the Sikh Community.

Deliberations:

- On efforts for promoting and conserving Sikh history, heritage and culture.
- Mitigation of border challenges through strong border focused programme in Punjab.
- Focus on agriculture through soil revival, value addition of produce, promoting precision farming and mechanisation.
- Strong Youth development and empowerment programme.
- Issues pertaining to Gurudwaras and its management.
- Engagement with Industry and promotion enterprise.
- More effective communication strategy and developing positive narrative and role models for the youth.

Education



- Strengthen Education inputs from School to Higher Education.
- Improve STEM representation and provide Skill Certification.
- Support increased representation in Public Service.



7th NCM Meeting 2024 -25

- 7th NCM meeting was held on 16th October, 2024.
- Reviewed work done and the key activities for September, 2024.
- Approved technical support for institutionalisation of organisation of various events, meetings, seminars and consultations.
- Detailed presentation on focus State Uttarakhand.

Important discussions:

- Need for basic standards on safety, security, sanitation and amenity at the religious places.
- Provision by the State Governments for safety and facilitation of passing of the Jain Saints during Vihara.
- Proposal for changing the name of Lawrence Road to Maharaja Ranjit Singh Road, Amritsar.
- To study the archival details of debates and composition of management in Mahabodhi Temple Management Act, 1949.

Core Group for Improving Awareness



Approved Composition, Term , Terms of Reference for constitution of Core Group.

First ever institutionalised mechanism for supporting NCM on Information, Education and Communication Strategies.

SAMTA SURAKSHA SAUHARD

Visits of the Commission in October, 2024



Visit to Bodh Gaya

Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura and Member Rinchen Lhamo visited Bodhgaya.

Buddhist Monks requested for allowing only Buddhist Community to manage the Mahabodi Temple complex.

Discussion Points

- Study adequacy of representation of Sikh history and contribution of Sikh Gurus and warriors to the national integration in the school curriculum.
- Petition of Dharmi Fauji Association for pension enhancement, health and canteen coverage to Sikh Army Deserters.
- Further discussion on extending the facility to for more pick ups of Haj Pilgrims, particularly for the persons coming from remote districts.
- Promotion of Prakrit Language and other languages such as Gurmukhi, Urdu.

Visits of the Commission



Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members undertook 16 visits.

They covered States/UT of Punjab, Chandigarh, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Daman, Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Karnataka.

Visits of the Commission in October, 2024



Discussions in Rajasthan

Meeting of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Member with representatives of Muslim community at Masjid, Sawai Madhopur on 06.10.2024.

Discussion Points

- Provision of Mess Facilities in the Minority Girls Hostel in Madhya Pradesh.
- Consideration on coaching and career development programme for improving representation in various services.
- Spread awareness for reaping the benefits of newly launched PM internship programme.
- Ensuring Implementation of Anand Marriage Act, 1909 in the States.

Visit to Patna Sahib Gurudwara



Chairman Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura and Member Ms. Rinchen Lhamo visited Takht Shri Patna Sahib Gurudwara Hall, Patna and held a meeting with Sikh Minority Community.



Schemes of Central Government for Minorities

Ministry of Minority Affairs implements special schemes for the welfare of minorities.

The schemes can be seen and accessed from the website.

minorityaffairs.gov.in

JIYO PARSİ

- Jiyo Parsi is a unique Central Sector Scheme for arresting the population decline of the Parsi Community.
 - The scheme was launched in 2013-14.
 - The objective of the scheme is to reverse the declining trend of Parsi Population by adopting scientific protocol and structured interventions to stabilize their population in India.
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- The scheme has three components, Medical Assistance, Advocacy & Health of Community.

Progress of JIYO PARSİ



Since inception, the scheme has enabled birth of more than 400 Parsi children .

Contact : jiyoparsi-mma@gov.in for Jiyo Parsi Scheme.

Focus State: Uttarakhand



Total Population : 17,05,045

- Muslim : 14,06,825
- Sikh : 2,36,340
- Christian : 37,781
- Buddhist : 4,325
- Jain : 5,183

Haridwar (35%) and Udham Singh Nagar (33%) have significant minority population.

Nainital and Hardwar have more than 1 lakh minority population

Uttarakhand Commission for Minorities Act, 2002

- The Uttarakhand Minority Commission Bill, 2002 passed by the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly under Article 200 of the Constitution of India was assented to on 16.06.2002.
- Uttarakhand Minorities Commission has its headquarter at Dehradun.
- The State commission has posts of Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and nine Members including a woman from minorities.
- At present there are two members i.e Shri Parminder Singh and Mohd. Tasleem.

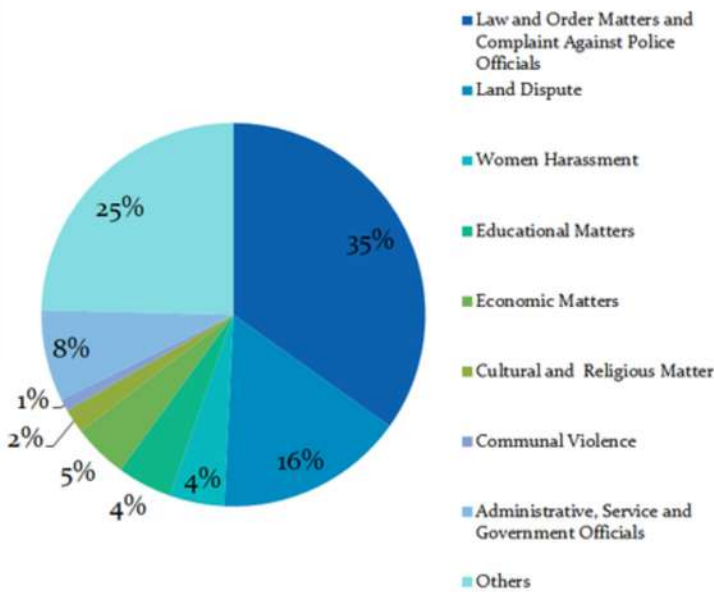
The website for more information, please visit : www.ukmc.in

Other Minority Organisations

- **Department of Minority welfare -**
<https://minoritywelfare.uk.gov.in>
- **Directorate of Minority welfare -**
<https://minoritywelfare.uk.gov.in>
- **Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board -**
<https://ukmadarsaboard.org.in>
- **Uttarakhand Rajya Haj Samiti**

NCM's Focus State - Uttarakhand

Category Wise Complaints



Status of NCM Grievances in the State

NCM has received 52 grievances in 2023-24.

35 grievances are awaiting reports and resolution.

Action Taken report on NCM recommendations is awaited.

Key Suggestions of NCM

- Early resolution of allotment of land to Gurudwara Gyan Godri at Hardwar which was demolished in 1978.
- Reports of Communal disturbance be forwarded regularly.
- Publicity of Central and State Government Schemes for the welfare of the minorities.
- Earmarking of land for cremation to Buddhists, wherever requested.
- Strengthening of the State Minority Commission and making it fully functional.

NCM in Uttarakhand



- NCM had visited Uttarakhand twice in 2023-24.
- Commission visited in Feb, 2024 mainly to resolve issue of Gurudwara Gyan Godri.



मुख्य गतिविधियां

- हिंदी पखवाड़ा पुरस्कार वितरण
- सफाई मित्रों के साथ भोजन कार्यक्रम
- राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस पर शपथ समारोह

मुख्य गतिविधियां

- दिनांक 25.10.2024 को पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह के साथ हिंदी पखवाड़ा 2024 का समापन।
- मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित, अगस्त माह 2024 के दौरान अधिकतम हिंदी पत्रचार की प्रतियोगिता में आयोग ने प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया।
- स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा 2024 के दौरान माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय ने सफाई मित्रों के साथ भोजन किया।
- राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस के अवसर पर कार्यालय में सभी अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों ने शपथ ली।

स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा का समापन



सफाई मित्रों के साथ भोजन



Benefit of NCM: Grievance Redressal

One of the key function of the NCM, under Section 9(1)(d) of the NCM Act, 1992, is to look into specific complaints regarding deprivation of rights and safeguards of the minorities and take up such matters with the appropriate authorities.

Online Complaint Management System is at <https://cms.ncm.nic.in>

Impact of NCM in Grievance Resolution

- In October, NCM has received 414 grievances.
 - In this month 150 grievances were settled.
 - NCM stressed on the need for early resolution of 872 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.

Hearings under Section 9(4) (a) of the NCM, Act



Commission acknowledged Ms. Panzy Rummy Dastoor's Agricultural Land Deprivation Case.

- Land acquired in 1958, claimed to be barren.
- Petitioner claims no compensation from Railways was received.
- Railways directed to produce payment records.

IMPACT OF NCM



Case of Shri Karan Singh from Nepal Army

- A Sikh soldier working for Nepal Army was dismissed as he refused to shave beard and cut his hair.
- NCM took suo-motu cognizance of post dated 20.09.2024 on X regarding the issue and communicated through Ministry of External Affairs to take up the matter with the Nepal Government.
- Ministry of External Affairs informed that the issue has been resolved and Shri Karan Singh has joined the Nepal Army.

Case of Guthka Sahib in Perth, Australia

- A foreign national was involved in desecration of the Gutka Sahib in Perth, Australia.
- The NCM took suo-moto cognizance of the incident and took up the matter through Ministry of External Affairs.
- The Ministry of External Affairs informed that miscreant tried to incite hatred among various communities but could not succeed.
- Following investigations, the western Australia Police arrested the miscreant and was subsequently released by local court with the direction to do community service for six months.

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