

General Debate on Item 2 on HC oral updates (14th September): Justice Arun Kumar Mishra

Madam President,

NHRC India has reinvented its approach & response to ensure promotion and protection of human rights during these challenging times.

We have devised online system of complaint – Management and connected our portal with common service centres

We have issued 20 advisories, inter-alia, on **Rights of Informal Workers, Mental Health and upholding the dignity of the dead.**

NHRC advised to provide.

Insurance cover to Covid Patients.

Nutrition and food security to the needy.

SOP for reopening of schools.

Door step delivery of medical care and medicines at affordable prices.

Extending guaranteed employment from 100 to 200 days.

Protection of Covid warriors.

Mental health of Police personnel and health of prisoners.

Issues of **Human Rights Defenders, Manual Scavengers, Shelter Homes, Orphans, widows, Water & Sanitation**, are being addressed.

E-commerce has created inequality during Covid. Rights of small vendors need to be protected.

Right to business and human rights needs to be balanced.

We are of the view that **right to life should prevail over rights of patent holders.**

It is not the end but start of our journey till we achieve the goal.

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