POST EVENT REPORT
OF
BRIEFING SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY HR&MA DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH DEMOCRATIC REPORTING INTERNATIONAL (DRI) ON 27.12.2018 & 31.12.2018

Punjab Government is committed in its mission of a human rights friendly society and considers civil society organizations as active stakeholders in the human rights arena. This commitment is in line with the mandate of HR&MA Department i.e. to coordinate with public and private sector bodies and institutions working on human rights. Accordingly, from time to time HR&MA Department in collaboration with its partner NGOs organizes different thought provoking activities which have deep impact on public in general and duty barriers in particular.

Keeping this tradition alive, HR&MA Department in December, 2018 arranged two briefing sessions in collaboration with Democratic Reporting International (DRI)-Berlin based International Non-Government Organization, working for Human Rights and Parliamentary reforms. The first session titled “Briefing Session for Punjab’s TIC Officials on Mainstreaming Human Rights” was held on 27.12.2018 at Avari Hotel, Lahore. However, the second session titled “District Committee’s Role in Institutionalization of Human Rights” was held on 31.12.2018 at Avari Hotel, Lahore.

Brief Details of the First Session Dated 27.12.2018:-

The first session was wrapped around the Punjab’s TIC officials on mainstreaming human rights. In this session, the broader objective of the establishment of TIC was discussed in the backdrop of GSP+ status. This session was attended by 25 individuals (20 male and 5 female) including 19 officials of various provincial departments, an MPA and an official of NCHR, Punjab. Secretary, Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Department inaugurated the session together with DRI’s country representative. Minster for HR&MA graced this event as a Chief Guest.

Brief Details of the Second Session Dated 31.12.2018:-

Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Department being Principal Department of Action Plan to Improve Human Rights Situation in Pakistan, organized this session. To implement the Action Plan on district level, Punjab Government approved the establishment of District Committees on human rights under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioners. This session was
held with the specific reference to the District Committees on human rights' role in institutionalization of human rights. The session sensitized the Deputy Commissioners of all districts of Punjab with the Action Plan on human rights and role and structure of District Committees. This session was attended by 38 officers mostly Deputy Commissioners / Additional Deputy Commissioners from various districts of Punjab. Secretary, Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Department inaugurated the session together with DRI’s country representative. Minister for HR&MA joined the session as a Chief Guest.