



Centre for Social Justice

**Legal Action for Safeguarding
Minority Rights, Dalit Rights
and Women Rights**

Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**29th October to 2nd November
2014**

Important information:

Last date for registration:

19th October 2014

For online registration, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/1sKRBk8>

Organized by:

Centre for Social Justice

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Venue:

Janvikas Training Centre,
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OBJECTIVE

Rights of vulnerable groups have gained great visibility and relevance all over the world. India is no exception to it being a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multi-linguistic and multi-cultural society. Despite this plurality, structural and graded inequality continues to persist disadvantaging vulnerable groups and communities. It is in this context that minority, Dalit and women's rights have assumed added significance since they represent some of the most discriminated and oppressed groups in the country.

Through this workshop, Centre for Social Justice envisages that participants be given an opportunity to develop necessary perspective on minority, Dalit and women's rights, explore legal strategies for responding to violations and deepen their understanding of laws and procedures. The five-day workshop will thus focus on skill building, developing perspectives and legal awareness in the context of the criminal justice system, socio-economic rights, and civil liberties concerning the rights of minorities, Dalits and women.

SESSIONS

The objective of the workshop is to develop a theoretical and practical understanding of the various issues relating to minority rights, women's rights and Dalit rights in order to better understand the structural discrimination faced by these communities. The workshop also aims at sharing best practices with respect to the processes and procedures of the criminal justice and designing interventions on specific issues. Participants will also learn about the linkages between the socio-political environment and the law, public interest litigation as a strategic tool for addressing human rights violations and the use of right to information in demanding accountability from state institutions. These thematics shall serve as a context for participants to share outcomes of cases, strategies, learnings and other experiences in the field that they may have come across during their practice.

PARTICIPANTS

The event may be attended by **lawyers and paralegals** whose area of practice pertains to minority rights, Dalit rights and women's rights issues. Participants may be engaged in these issues in courts, tribunals, institutions or other fora. All participants will be awarded a certificate of participation.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- The programme will commence at **9:00 am on 29th October, 2014**. Participants are requested to reach the venue on or before the said time.
- **Prior registration for participation is compulsory**. Those interested in participating have to **register themselves online** on or before 19th October 2014. For online registration, please visit <http://bit.ly/1sKRBk8>.
- Accommodation for participants, if needed, will be provided for the five days of the workshop.
- A registration fees of **Rs 500** must be paid through a **demand draft** in favour of **IDEAL CSJ**, payable at **AH-MEDABAD**. The demand draft must be sent with a **covering letter with full name and address of the participant**.
- Fee exemption may be granted to interested persons who are unable to pay the fees. Kindly send a request for the same along with your application.
- Participants will have to bear their own expenses towards travel.
- All participants must produce a valid identity card at the time of entry.
- Attendance during first four days of the event is **compulsory** for paralegals. Lawyers have to attend the event for all five days.

About Centre for Social Justice

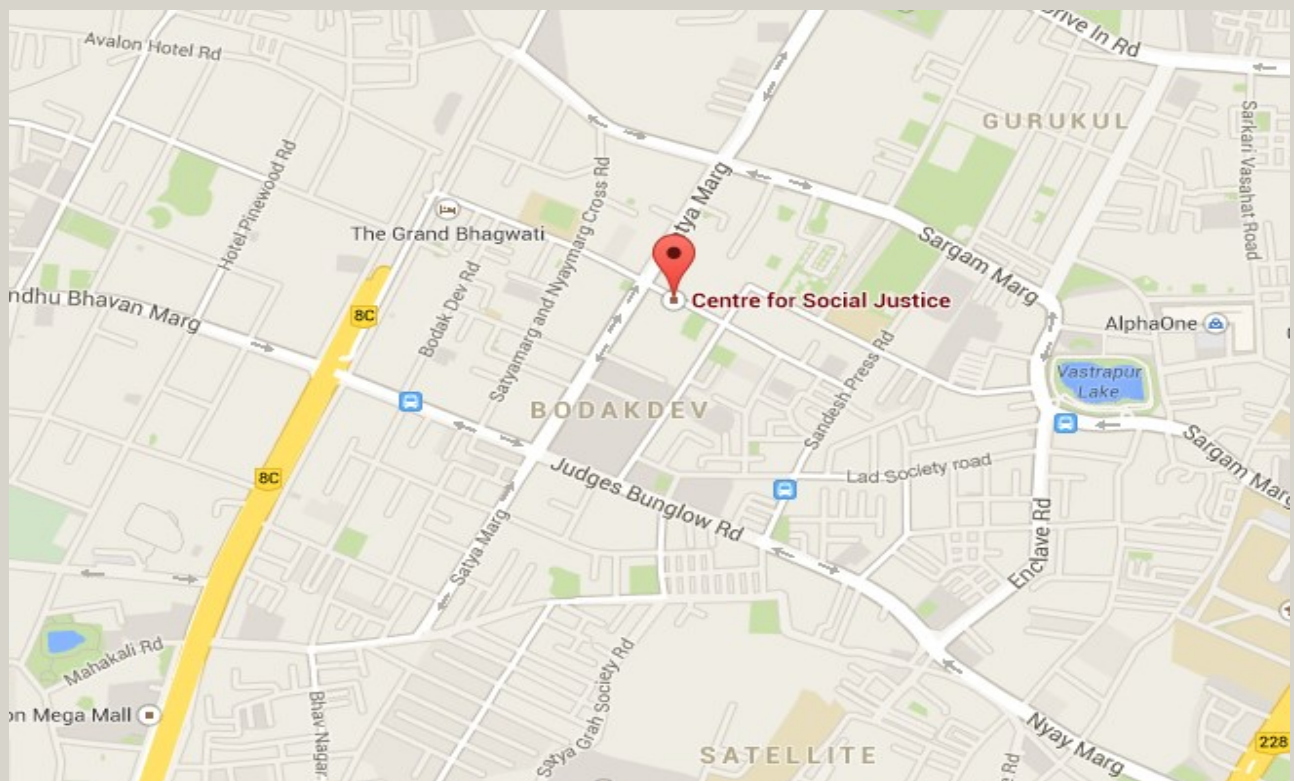
Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), established in 1993, is a human socio-legal organisation fighting for the rights of the marginalised and vulnerable. Inspired by Freiran thought, CSJ has been active in more than 12 states across India making human rights interventions by using law as a key strategy through an intimate engagement with grassroots realities. CSJ fulfills its mandate by training and strengthening community lawyers and paralegals by building their capacities to deliver change-inducing leadership in their communities through a network of law centres. A pioneer in the field of access to justice, CSJ has also made path-breaking institutional interventions in the form of research, legal reforms and initiatives bringing together grassroots activism, law and policy-making on a wide array of issues affecting women, Dalits, adivasis, minorities and other socio-economically vulnerable groups.

At present, CSJ is engaged in action-research, advocacy, training, and capacity building on following themes:

- ⇒ Rights of Adivasis in South Gujarat
- ⇒ Rights of Persons living in Coastal Areas (Gujarat)
- ⇒ Socio-Economic Rights of Minorities (Rehnuma Centres in 11 States)
- ⇒ Socio-Economic Rights of Vulnerable Groups (Law Centres in Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh)
- ⇒ Action Research Study towards Building Rule of Law Communities in Villages (Gujarat and Rajasthan)
- ⇒ National Campaign on Access to Justice.

CSJ aspires to position itself as an access to justice organisation providing linkages between human rights issues at the village and district level with the research and advocacy being done at the policy level. Today, CSJ is recognized as a pioneering institution demonstrating what a well-networked group of social justice lawyers paralegals can do to as a bridge between communities and the legal system.

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