



Dr. Veerendra Mishra

(Ph.D.; Humphrey Fellow-Fulbright Scholarship USA)

About the Director:

The National Institute of Social Defence is privileged to have Dr. Veerendra Mishra as the Director, NISD, who joined on 19th March, 2019.

Previously, he has held various capacities in different Ministries/ Departments in the Govt. of India.

- Director (National Head), National Service Scheme (NSS)- August 2017 to March 2019.
Executive Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)- July 2016 to March 2019, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of India.
- CEO/Secretary, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India September 2014-July 2016.
- Served in two United Nations Missions and pro-bono involvement in one UN Mission
 - A) Bosnia Herzegovina
 - B) Kosovo
 - C) East Timor
- Assistant Inspector General of Police, Crime Investigation Department, Police Headquarters, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Also worked in Economic Offences Wing and other positions handling cases of investigation of crimes. (02 January 1995 to September 2014)

Academic Milestones:

- Awarded the prestigious Hubert Humphrey Fellowship (under Fulbright Scholarship) on the subject of human trafficking at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA (2012-2013).
- Affiliate Scholar at Tracc Center (Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center) focusing on human trafficking at University of George Mason University, Virginia, USA, May-July 2013.
- Certificate in Armed Conflict, International Humanitarian Law from HREA (Human Rights Education Associates)- 2010
- Awarded Ph. D on "Changing Image of Police: An Empirical Study" from Barkatullah University, Bhopal, in 2004.

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- Studied extensively the workings of police -- both local police bodies and international bodies such as the United Nations Police (UNPOL).

Research and Publications:

- Novel titled 'Treatise From a Death Bed' (Kitabwale Publications, Delhi, 2019)
- Research study on 'Missing Children and Linkages with Human Trafficking' with BPR&D (Bureau Police Research and Development), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, 2018, and published as book by BPR&D.
- 'Combating Human Trafficking: Gaps in Policy and Law' (Sage Publications 2015).
- Co-edited book 'Human Trafficking in India' (Published by Women Studies Department, Barkatullah University, Bhopal, 2013).
- 'Human Trafficking Stakeholders Perspective' ed. (Sage Publication, May 2013)
- 'Community Policing: Misnomer or Fact' (Sage Publication 2011)
- A women-centric short story book 'Cracking of Dawn' (Selective Scientific Publication, N. Delhi 2009)
- Contributed stories in the Chicken Soup Soul series.
- Co-produced and co-directed a documentary film titled, 'Do I Have a Choice: A Saga of Socially Sanctioned Sexual Servitude', which is on the community-based sexual exploitation of Bedia community.

Represented India in:

1. The SAARC Regional Workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal (2019)
2. International Conference on Drug Prevention, Treatment and Care conducted by the Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) and UNODC in Vienna, Austria (2019)
3. Led the Indian delegation to Regional Commonwealth Meeting at Bangkok, Thailand (2017)
4. Led the Indian delegation to BRICS Youth Summit at Beijing, China (2017)
5. Participated as Head of official and stakeholders delegation to Commonwealth Ministerial Meeting at Kampala, Uganda (2017)
6. Led the Indian Delegation of Youth to Palestine under Youth Exchange Programme (2017).
7. Led the Indian delegation to special commission on United Nations Hague convention on Adoption at Hague, Netherlands (2016).

Pro Bono Involvements:

Member of the International Editorial Board of First Journal of Human Trafficking, published by Routledge in collaboration with University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA.

Community Service Award by Institute of International Affairs, Department of State, USA for community service in field of human trafficking during stay as Humphrey Fellow.

Co-instructor in HREA (Human Rights Education Associates) online Course E07513: Human Trafficking and Smuggling. Emphasis on multi-agency approach to combat human trafficking, importance of collaborative and participative effort to prevent, protect and ensure prosecution.

National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPA) at National District Attorneys Association (Virginia, USA) as Fellow. Working on projects related to training of law enforcement and prosecutors on child trafficking and abuse in US and Western Pacific Countries, research and writing work (May 2 to June 13, 2013).

International Organization 'Advocates for Human Rights' (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA): Working on a project of United Nations Women on situation of women worldwide, with focus on identifying issues, cultural background, legislation and best practices (Jan-March, 2013).

Affiliate at Ramsey County Attorney Office (Minnesota, USA): Focus on Runaway children Intervention Project (RIP) and cases of sex trafficking, suggest ways to prevent, protect the victims and prosecute effectively traffickers. (December 2012- April 2013).

Minneapolis School Department (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA): Was sub-committee member on developing curriculum for sex trafficking to be introduced in all high schools of Minneapolis.

UN Mission in East Timor (UNMIT), 2009-2010: Prepared action plan on human trafficking for IOM, Prepared community policing training module for Asia Foundation; Helped prepare NOP (National Operating Procedure) on community policing for UNMIT (United Nations Mission in Timor Leste).