

About Shri. Harsh Mander

Shri. Harsh Mander is appointed as Special Commissioner to the Supreme Court due to his unsurpassed achievements in advancing human rights and social justice. He is mainly associated with social causes and movements pertaining to communal harmony, tribals rights, dalits entitlements, disability rights, the right to information, custodial justice, homeless people, and bonded labour.

Mander had worked in the Indian Administrative Service, predominantly in tribal states of Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh, mainly as the head of district governments of tribal districts. At present, he is a convener of Aman Biradari which basically works for a campaign for secularism, peace and justice. Also, he is a founder of Dil Se which works for the rights of homeless children, youth, and women. Moreover, he sits as honorary Executive Director of the Center for Equity Studies (CES) which works on advocacy research on social justice.

Mander had written a collection of essays titled Unheard Voices: Stories of Forgotten Lives published by the Penguin Books (2001) and Fear and Forgiveness: The Aftermath of Massacre (2009). His other known book is 'The Ripped Chest: Public Policy and Poor in India'. Mander was awarded Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for peace work, and the M.A. Thomas National Human Rights Award in 2002.