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**THE KARNATAKA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
BENGALURU**

All human beings, for the simple reason that they belong to human kind, are entitled to enjoy certain rights from the cradle to the grave. These rights are their birth rights and, therefore, called natural rights. These are the basic entitlements of human beings without which life is not worth living, satisfying, enjoyable and meaningful. India being a signatory of the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” at the United Nations, the Human Rights are placed on the highest pedestal in the Constitution of India, which is the highest law of the country. Such fundamental rights being part of the foundational law, they have to be protected and enforced at every level and by all agencies and departments of the Government. In order to take essential measures to check, enquire into and review specific cases and general incidents of violation of such invaluable human rights, the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 was enacted.

The Karnataka State Human Rights Commission came into existence as a statutory entity on 25/7/2007, under The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The Commission has its headquarters at 5th Phase, M.S. Building, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru. It receives and resolves, every year, thousands of complaints of violation of human rights.

Now, in order to serve the purpose of easiest accessibility and fastest possible communication with the help of celebrated prowess of our province in IT sector, the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission has sponsored and developed a mobile app which may be a pioneering step in furtherance of grand vision of digital India initiative launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India.

It may also be the first of its kind mobile app dedicated to the people of Karnataka, affording to them the easiest, cheapest and most expedient access to justice in cases involving invaluable human rights. Without constituting a proper and fully functional State Human Rights Commission and liberal financial and logistical support of the Government, the KSHRC could not have attempted

such giant leap forward in the field of protection of human rights of the people.

The new mobile app named “Manav Hakku Rakshane” can be downloaded from Google Play store by anyone and used free of charge to make a complaint or know about Human Rights and KSHRC from anywhere. With fast transmission and quick response system of the unique app, majority of the complaints may be addressed and enquired into without any loss of time in communication. Many grievances of the people can be resolved without the complainant and the Government authority concerned having to approach any Court. Many continuing violations may as well be prevented, if the app is fully and properly utilised by the people and the respective departments of the Government positively cooperate with the independent agency of the Commission.

If successfully utilised, the “Manav Hakku Rakshane” will change the way people look at the government offices and officers, and delays in redressal of grievances may become thing of the past. Digitisation of data and communication by using modern information technology will eliminate delays and unnecessary paperwork, saving time and resources for all concerned. “Manav Hakku Rakshane” will prove to be the dawn of a new era in the field of redressal of many kinds of grievances arising out of violation of human rights. .