Fieldwork on Criminal Justice System and Human Rights: Bridging Classroom Learning with Practical Experience

The Department of Human Rights, Loreto College (Autonomous), organised a five-day fieldwork programme for the students of Semester VI Human Rights Minor as part of their curriculum on **"Criminal Justice System and Human Rights."** The field visits were designed to provide students with practical exposure to the functioning of institutions that play a significant role in the protection and promotion of human rights and the administration of criminal justice.

The fieldwork commenced with a visit to the **West Bengal State Human Rights Commission (WBSHRC) on 8th May 2026**, where the students had the opportunity to interact with the officials of the Commission. The highlight of the visit was an insightful session by **Hon'ble Justice Madhumati Mitra, Judicial Member of the West Bengal State Human Rights Commission**, who explained the structure, functions, and complaint redressal mechanisms of the Commission. She also discussed various contemporary human rights issues and highlighted the importance of institutional mechanisms in safeguarding human rights.

On the second day (12th May 2026), the students visited **Shakespeare Sarani Police Station**, the police station under whose jurisdiction the college is situated. The Officer-in-Charge and other police personnel interacted with the students and familiarised them with the functioning of the police system. The students gained practical knowledge about the procedures of filing a General Diary (GD) and a First Information Report (FIR), investigation processes, maintenance of law and order, and the role of the police in protecting human rights while enforcing the law.

The third day's (15th May 2026) visit was to an NGO named **Lake Gardens Women and Children Development Centre (LGWCDC)** that works with women survivors of domestic violence and those belonging to economically weaker sections of society. Through interactions with the NGO professionals, the students learned about the organisation's role in victim support, rescue, rehabilitation, counselling, legal assistance, and community outreach. The visit enabled them to understand the crucial role played by civil society organisations in complementing the criminal justice system.

The fourth field visit (16th May 2026) was to **Society for Legal Aid, Research and Training Centre (SLARTC)**, where the students met **Advocate Manabendra Nath Mondal**, Director of the organisation. The session focused on the functioning of the legal aid system, access to justice, legal research, and the organisation's work in assisting survivors of human trafficking and other vulnerable groups. Students also gained valuable insights into the relationship between law, human rights, and the criminal justice system, and the importance of legal interventions in ensuring justice and rehabilitation.

The final visit (19th May 2026) was to **Child in Need Institute (CINI), Tangra**, where the students explored issues relating to child rights and child protection. The officials of CINI discussed the various forms of exploitation and crimes affecting children, the mechanisms for rescue and rehabilitation, and the organisation's efforts to ensure the protection, development, and well-being of vulnerable children. The visit enhanced the students' understanding of child rights and the institutional response to child protection concerns.

The fieldwork programme successfully bridged the gap between classroom teaching and practical learning. Going beyond textbooks and theoretical discussions, the students were able to witness the functioning of key institutions within the criminal justice system and understand their role in the protection of human rights. The interactions with professionals from diverse fields enriched their

academic understanding and provided valuable real-life perspectives on the challenges and practices associated with human rights protection.

As part of the curriculum, each student prepared a detailed fieldwork report reflecting on their observations, learning experiences, and critical understanding gained through these visits. The programme proved to be a meaningful and enriching academic exercise, enabling students to connect theoretical concepts with real-world practices and strengthening their understanding of the Criminal Justice System and Human Rights.




GPS Map Camera
Kolkata, West Bengal, India
648, Rabindra Sarobar, Lake Gardens, Kolkata, West Bengal 700045, India
Lat 22.5074° Long 88.357216°
Friday, 15/05/2026 01:40 PM GMT +05:30
Google


WEST BENGAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
PURTA BHAVAN, 2nd FLOOR
GPS Map Camera
Bidhannagar,West Bengal,India
2nd Avenue, Sector 1, Bidhannagar, West Bengal 700091, India
Lat 22.591634, Long 88.419211
Friday, 08/05/2026 03:50 PM GMT+05:30
Note : Captured by GPS Map Camera


HON'BLE JUSTICE MADHUMATI MITRA
(FORMER JUDGE)
MEMBER
West Bengal Human Rights Commission


GPS Map Camera
Kolkata, West Bengal, India
34b, Shakespeare Sarani, Elgin, Kolkata, West Bengal 700017, India
Lat 22.544537° Long 88.356219°
Tuesday, 12/05/2026 12:49 PM GMT +05:30
Google


GPS Map Camera
Kolkata, West Bengal, India
34b, Shakespeare Sarani, Elgin, Kolkata, West Bengal 700017, India
Lat 22.544448° Long 88.356316°
Tuesday, 12/05/2026 02:06 PM GMT +05:30
Google


GPS Map Camera
Kolkata, West Bengal, India
41, Pottery Rd, Seal Lane, Tangra, Kolkata, West Bengal 700015, India
Lat 22.55419° Long 88.378711°
Tuesday, 19/05/2026 02:48 PM GMT +05:30
Google