

The Reproductive Rights Initiative at HRLN works toward the realization of reproductive rights in India as defined in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (1994), which “rest on the recognition of the basic right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children and to have the information and means to do so, and the right to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health. They also include the right of all to make decisions concerning reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence.”

The Initiative uses the legal system to combat violations of reproductive rights, ensure implementation of reproductive rights schemes, and to demand accountability where implementation is left wanting. Through these efforts, the initiative is striving to establish, a human rights based approach towards reproductive health care.

Through its work, the Reproductive Rights Initiative has brought focus to the issues of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity, the right to food and nutrition, discrimination against HIV positive pregnant woman, coercive population control policies, inhumane sterilization camps, unsafe abortion services, unethical surrogacy and sex selective abortion.

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