

## Training in human rights for community health workers in Bihar

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Over 4,000 community health workers in Bihar will receive training in human rights over the next three months as part of a new certificate course launched by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and Amnesty International India.

"The Self-Learning Human Rights Certificate Course aims to promote human rights values and principles of equality, dignity, inclusion, non-discrimination and participation in the public through community health workers," Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Regional Director at NIOS, said in a statement.

"By introducing a comprehensive course about human rights in simple language, we hope to provide participants with information on human rights and relevant provisions in the Constitution of India, laws and state policies, with a special focus on women and children," said Somya Dimri, Programme Coordinator at Amnesty International India's Human Rights Education Programme.

The three-month course is designed for community workers working in the fields of health and education - including Accredited Social Health Activists or ASHAs, Anganwadi workers, MAMTA government health workers and private health workers -in rural and urban Bihar, Sinha said.

The NIOS Regional Director said, "This course is provided free of cost to participants from all 38 districts in Bihar.