



## THE 2017 RAFTO PRIZE LAUREATES

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### IMROZ PARVEZ

Place of birth and residence: Srinagar, Kashmir

#### Education

1972 Graduated in Science from Srinagar  
1975 LLB (Hons) degree at the Law College Aligarh Muslim University

#### Positions and work history

2008 Convener of The International People's Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice in Kashmir (IPTK)  
2003 Founded the Public Commission on Human Rights (PCHR)  
2000 President and founder of the Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS)  
1994 Founder of the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP)  
1978 Joined the J&K High Court as a lawyer

#### Prizes received

2006 Ludovic-Trarieux International Human Rights Prize

#### ABOUT JAMMU KASHMIR COALITION OF CIVIL SOCIETY (JKCCS)

JKCCS is a federation that works to build local alliances between Kashmiri civil society groups and engage with Indian and global civil society. Today it consists of various non-funded, non-profit, campaign, research and advocacy organizations in Jammu and Kashmir. An important part of the JKCCS work is to investigate, monitor and document human rights violations. The information is distributed through reports, annual reviews, information letters, press statements and a monthly dossier "The Informative Missive". The organization also offers legal assistance to the victims of human rights violations and their families. Today JKCCS includes the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP), Public Commission on Human Rights (PCHR) and International Peoples' Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice in Indian-administered Kashmir (PTK). JKCCS holds offices in Srinagar and is governed by Imroz Parvez (President), Khurram Parvez (spokesperson, programme coordinator) and Zahir-ud-Din (Vice President).

Webpage: <https://jkccs.wordpress.com>

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### PARVEENA AHANGAR

Place of birth and residence: Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

#### **Positions and work history**

1994 Founder and Chairperson of Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP)

#### **Prizes received and other notable appearances**

1998: Presidential Award by JK High Court Bar Association  
2005 Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize  
2011 Nominated by the Indian media Channel CNN IBN as Indian of the year, but rejected it  
2011 Runner up for the Front line Award for Human Rights

#### **ABOUT ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS (APDP)**

The Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP) is said to be one of the first human rights organizations located in Kashmir. It was founded in 1994 by Paveena Ahangar and Imroz Parvez and is today a collective of relatives of victims of the forced and involuntary disappearances in Kashmir. APDP works to seek justice to get their cases investigated by the state and are actively campaigning for knowing the whereabouts of missing family members. The organization estimates that 8, 000 -10,000 men have gone missing since 1990 and states that only a small percentage of the disappearances have been investigated. The APDP-members come together every 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to hold public protests in Srinagar to commemorate the disappearances of their loved ones and to seek answers. The APDP caters to medical education, social and psychological support and legal advice to the victim families and gathers documentation on the disappearances. The organization represents approximately 1000 members. APDP is independent and has no political affiliations or political positions.

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