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- 1. ALRC: Is a regional human rights organisation headquartered in Hong Kong and works on criminal justice reengineering work in 11 Asian countries. The ALRC works closely with the UN as well as its partners in 11 Asian countries and makes the largest number of written and oral interventions at the UN Human Rights Council on Asia. The ALRC also works closely with the Special Procedures Mechanism of the UN and submits cases daily to the mandate holders. ALRC's sister concern, the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) is a Right Livelihood Award Laureate of the year 2014.
- 2. Nervazhi: Is a grassroots human rights organisation based in Kerala State, India and documents cases of custodial torture and assists victims of torture to file complaints to seek and obtain redress. Nervazhi uses the Right to Information Act, 2005 of India to expose corruption in government.

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