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**Cordially invite you to the Conference**

**On**

**“Abolition of Death Penalty in India”**

**Organised by the**

**Centre for Human Rights Studies**

**In collaboration with**

South Asia Human Rights  
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**HRLN**

Human Rights Law Network



**Centre For Development and Human Rights**

**Date : 14-15 November 2011**

**Venue : O. P. Jindal Global University**

**Time : 10:00 am - 5:30 pm**

## Inaugural session

### Welcome Address

**10:00 am – 10:10 am** Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University and Dean, Jindal Global Law School

### Key Note Address

*'Towards Global Abolition of the Death Penalty: Progress and Prospects'*

**10:10 am – 10:40 am** Professor Roger Hood, *CBE, QC, DCL, FBA*  
Professor Emeritus of Criminology, University of Oxford

### Presidential Address

**10:40 am – 11:10 am** Mr. Justice V.S. Malimath, Chairman, Law Commission of Karnataka, Fomer Chief Justice of Karnataka and Kerala High Courts and Former Member, National Human Rights Commission

### Vote of Thanks

**11:10 am – 11:15 am** Professor Y.S.R. Murthy, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies, JGLS

**Tea 11:15 am – 11:30 am**

## First Thematic Session: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

### Abolition of Death Penalty: Challenges and Perspectives

**Chair: Professor Roger Hood, CBE, QC, DCL, FBA, Professor Emeritus of Criminology, University of Oxford**

**11:30 am – 11:45 am** Mr. Virendra Dayal, Former Member, National Human Rights Commission

**11:45 am – 12:00 noon** Mr. Ravi Nair, Executive Director, South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centre

**12:00 noon – 12:15 pm** Professor B.B. Pande, Formerly Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi

**12:15 pm – 12:30 pm** Dr. Yug Mohit Chaudhry, Advocate, Bombay High Court

**Discussion 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm**

**Lunch 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm**

## Second Thematic Session: 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm

### Role of the Human Rights Institutions

**Chair: Professor Mitu Sengupta, Director, Centre for Development and Human Rights**

**2:15 pm – 2:30pm** Mr. Justice Rajindar Sachar, Former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court and Acting President, People's Union for Civil Liberties

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm** Mr. Sankar Sen, IPS (Retd.), Senior Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences and former Director General, National Human Rights Commission

**2:45 pm – 3:00 pm** Professor Mool Chand Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana and former Vice Chairman, UGC

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm** Dr. Surya Deva, Associate Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

**Discussion 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm**

**Tea 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm**

### **Third Thematic Session: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

#### **Role of the Judiciary and Legal Fraternity**

**Chair: Professor Ajay Kumar Pandey, Associate Professor and Executive Director (Clinical Programmes), Jindal Global Law School**

#### **Special Address**

- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm** Mr. Justice A.K.Ganguly, Judge, Supreme Court of India
- 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm** Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Founder, Human Rights Law Network
- 4:30pm - 4:45 pm** Mr. R. Venkataramani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court and Member, Law commission of India
- 4.45 pm – 5:00 pm** Mr. Siddharth Sharma, Research Fellow, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

**Discussion** **5:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

### **Tuesday 15th November**

### **Fourth Thematic Session: 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

#### **Role of NGOs, Media and Civil Society**

**Chair: Dr. Sanjeev P. Sahni, Professor & Executive Director, Centre for Innovative Leadership & Change, Jindal Global Business School (JGBS)**

- 10:00 am – 10:15 am** Professor Krishna Deva Rao, Registrar, National Law University, Delhi
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am** Mr. Jaideep Bhatnagar, Registrar, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am** Professor Oishik Sircar, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Centre on Penology, Criminal Justice and Police Studies, Jindal Global Law School
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am** Professor B. Srinivas, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University

**Discussion** **11:00 am – 11:30 pm**

**Tea** **11:30 am – 11: 45 am**

### **Fifth Thematic Session: 11:45 am – 1:15 pm**

#### **Role of Political Parties and the Parliamentary Institutions**

**Chair: Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University**

- 11:45 am – 12:00 noon** Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, Member of Parliament, Indian National Congress
- 12:00 noon – 12:15 pm** Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Member of Parliament, Bharatiya Janata Party
- 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm** Dr. M. Thambidurai, Member of Parliament, AIADMK
- 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm** Dr. A. Francis Julian, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

**Discussion** **12:45 pm – 1:15 pm**

**Lunch** **1:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

## Sixth Thematic Session: 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm

### Seeking the Abolition of Death Penalty : The Way Forward

**Chair: Professor Roger Hood, CBE, QC, DCL, FBA, Professor Emeritus of Criminology, University of Oxford**

#### Rapporteur's Report

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm** Professor Amit Bindal, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Centre on Penology, Criminal Justice and Police Studies, Jindal Global Law School

#### *And*

Professor Rehan Abeyratne, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Jindal Global Law School

#### Special Address

**2:45 pm – 3:00 pm** Mr. Justice P.V. Reddi, Chairman, Law Commission of India

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm** Mr. Ravi Nair, Executive Director, South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre

**3:15 pm – 3:30 pm** Dr. Yug Mohit Chaudhry, Advocate, Bombay High Court

**3:30 pm – 3:45 pm** Mr. Sanjay Parikh, Advocate, Supreme Court

#### Discussion

**3:45 pm – 4:15 pm**

#### Tea

**4:15 pm – 4:30 pm**

## Valedictory Session: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

#### Concluding Remarks

**4:30 pm – 4:40 pm** Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University and Dean, Jindal Global Law School

**4:40 pm – 5:00 pm** Mr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan, former Director General, National Human Rights Commission

#### Valedictory Address

**5:00 pm – 5:25 pm** Mr. Justice J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India and former Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission

#### Vote of Thanks

**5:25 pm – 5:30 pm** Professor Y.S.R. Murthy, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies  
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#### RSVP

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