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Webinar On

Reshaping Policing: A Legal Reform

Date: 6th November, 2020

Time : 4 PM Onwards

Deadline for Registration:
5th November, 2020

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Vibhuti Narain Rai, IPS





ABOUT THE WEBINAR

The death of a father and son due to the alleged act of police brutality and custodial torture in Tamil Nadu has sparked rage across India. According to NCRB, only 26 policemen were convicted of custodial violence despite 1,727 such deaths being recorded in India between 2001-2018. Police forces have the authority to exercise force to enforce laws and maintain law and order in a state. However, this power may be misused in several ways. For example, in India, various kinds of complaints are made against the police including complaints of unwarranted arrests, unlawful searches, torture and custodial rapes.

The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (2007) has observed that there is a need to have an independent complaints authority to inquire into cases of police misconduct. The Supreme Court of India in *Prakash Singh v. Union of India* also ordered the Centre and states to set up authorities to lay down guidelines for police functioning, evaluate police performance, decide postings and transfers, and receive complaints of police misconduct. Yet, these and various other recommendations made across eight reports of the National Police Commission have not been implemented in the criminal justice system. The webinar will be focusing on the different steps by which reformation of the system to reduce this misuse of the powers by the authorities can be possible, as well as raise awareness on the same.



ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

The idea of Symbiosis is nurtured on the Vedic principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam which means the World is one Family. The institute has always believed in nurturing the young minds to make them ready for a better tomorrow. Reliance has been placed on a student- centric philosophy which leads to innovation in teaching and learning, student affairs, academic programs and health care.

Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad (SLS-H) was established in the year of 2014 and has now successfully blossomed into one of the premier law schools. It has been catering to the higher education of diverse group of students inheriting splendid novelty, dynamism and excellence. Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad is founded on the pillars of expertise, justice and service and is committed to impart quality legal education conforming to acclaimed International Standards.

CHIEF PATRON

Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan

Professor (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Director, SLS Hyderabad has almost two decades of experience as law teacher and researcher. Formerly, he was teaching at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences where he has also served as the Registrar (Acting) for nearly two years. Subsequent thereto he joined Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai as an Associate Professor. He has been awarded several scholarships including the British Chevening Scholarship to pursue his second LL.M at University of Essex during 2004-2005, Hong Kong UGC Scholarship to pursue his Ph.D. at the City University of Hong Kong and Michigan Grotius Research Fellowship to pursue research at Michigan Law School during March - May, 2013. He has also been awarded International Visitors Leadership Programme Fellowship by Department of State, USA on Anti-Human Trafficking in the year 2007.



ABOUT THE CENTRE

Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice or CCCJ for short, is one of the many centres of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad that aims at specializing, tutoring and disseminating information about the different facets of criminology, forensic science, penology and victimology to its students. CCCJ was established in March 2018 with an ambitious and enthusiastic furore to gain more knowledge about the fascinating world of criminology and its sister branches. The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice is engaged in activities to develop and strengthen the existing Criminal Justice system of the state and benefit the society for smooth functioning. The Centre functions with the objective to work as a resource centre in the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Vibhuti Narain Rai, IPS

Mr. Vibhuti joined the Indian Police Service in 1975 and was awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Services and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services during his career, which included posting in anti-insurgency operations in the Kashmir Valley (1992-1993), SSP Kumbh Mela Allahabad (1988-89) and many communally sensitive districts of Uttar Pradesh as SSP and Inspector General of Police. Besides being a distinguished police official Mr. Vibhuti is an acclaimed Hindi fiction writer and has published five novels -- Ghar, Shahar Mein Curfew, Kissa Loktantra, Tabadala and Prem Ki Bhootkatha. The novel Tabadala was awarded Indu Sharma Katha Samman by Katha UK, a South Asian writers' forum of UK. He has also written satires and his collection of satires has been published under the title Ek Chhatra Neta Ka Roznamcha. He has also authored the book "Hashimpura 22 May: The Forgotten Story of India's Biggest Custodial Killing". He was posted as Superintendent of Police in Ghaziabad district when the Hashimpura massacre took place and the book is a detailed account of the massacre and its aftermath. He founded the leading literary Hindi monthly magazine Vartman Sahitya and edited it for more than 15 years. Mr. Vibhuti is an activist who has been fighting fundamentalist and obscurantist forces for years. He has raised his voice and written boldly against communal biases of Indian Police. He was awarded a fellowship by National Police Academy, Hyderabad, to work on the Perception of Police Neutrality During Communal Strife in India and his dissertation was published under the title Combating Communal Conflict. Mr. Vibhuti was also the Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha.

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