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CENTRE FOR CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PRESENTS

**WEBINAR ON
OPPRESSION OF
UNDERPRIVILEGED CLASSES
IN CRIMINAL CASES**

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Retd. Justice K Chandru

DATE: 8th April 2022

TIME: 3 pm onwards

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**6th April 2022,
11:59pm**

ABOUT THE WEBINAR

How much power is too much power? What happens to those without any such powers? How does power give anyone the right to abuse or ill-treat those with none?

From the smallest of the villages to huge metropolitan cities, one constant snag is the abuse of power in every imaginable field. Here, we intend to focus on the prominent issue of police brutality, which persists across the world, be it the George Floyd case in Minneapolis, or the custodial deaths of a father and son in Tamil Nadu. According to World Population Review 2022, India is the 4th country with the highest number of police killings. Unfortunately, it has also not gone unaddressed over the years.

The renowned ruling of the Supreme Court of United States in the case of *Miranda Vs. Arizona* 1966, which emphasized that a person in police custody has the right to remain silent and have an attorney was to make sure that those charged with a crime know their rights and are provided with the opportunity to assert them. The *Miranda* ruling created a significant impact worldwide and was followed by numerous other laws enforced to curb the unlawful use of force by the police.

In the past few years, there have been several instances of reported custodial deaths in India. This raises the question of how and why our most basic trait, humanity, seems to be lost amidst all this prejudice. Power doesn't give anyone the right to deprive others of their basic right to life.

In the recent popular film 'Jai Bhim', the protagonist is an activist lawyer, who saves the honour and lives of thousands of tribal men and women vulnerable to such exploitation by the law. This character is based on the life of a real-life hero, Chandru, in the late 80s and 90s. This movie powerfully portrays social evils such as police brutality.

Despite the number of reports being published on the increasing instances of custodial deaths and police brutality, there seems to be no respite. With numerous laws to protect the rights and dignity of people, we still have a long road ahead towards the concept of equality and non-discrimination.

“Injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere”

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

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.

The pedagogy adopted in this institution is beyond the classroom learning. The practical learning approaches like workshops, competitions, webinars, court visits, and other out-of-the-box practices are enabling the students with hands-on experience of practicing law. These events help the students acquire world class exposure in the practice of law and make them globally competitive.



ABOUT THE CENTRE

Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice or CCCJ for short, is one of the many centres of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad. It 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.



Justice K. Chandru

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Justice K. Chandru is an Indian advocate and former judge of Madras High Court. As an advocate, he practiced both in criminal and civil side in the Madras High Court. He was made an Additional Judge of the High Court on July 31, 2006, and was made a permanent Judge on November 9, 2009. Justice K. Chandru was a well-respected judge among the judiciary and is known for his judgments that impacted the lives of many impoverished and downtrodden people.

During his judicial career, Justice K. Chandru pronounced over 96,000 verdicts. He was known for fighting against caste discrimination and for the rights of backward communities in Tamilnadu. He did not want a security guard and didn't want to be addressed as "My Lord" in courts. He retired as a judge in 2013 and did not accept a farewell. He now lives in Chennai.

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