

# National Consultation on Prison Legal Aid

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2013

Indian Social Institute,  
10, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road New Delhi-3

## Day-1

Time	Topics	Speakers
9:00-9:15	Key Note Address	Colin Gonsalves, Advocate, Supreme Court, Founder Director, HRLN
9:15-9:45	Recent Trends in Prison Reforms & Prisoner's Rights	1. Dr. B.V. Trivedi (BPRD) 2. Monica Sakhrani (TISS)
9:45-10:45	Access to Justice a. Undertrials in Prisons/ Bail/ Personal Bond/ Surety	1. Ravindra Vaidya (VARHAD) 2. Ajay Verma (IBJ) 3. Abhishek (Justice Venture International, Maharashtra) 4. Partha Sarathi Das, Advocate, WB 5. Sr. Suma ,Advocate HRLN
10:45-11:00	Discussion	
11:00-12:00	b. Juveniles in Prison	1. Bharti Ali, HAQ 2. Atiya Bose, Aangan Trust 3. Puneeta Roy, The Tehelka Foundation 4. Bipasha Roy, JJB Kolkata, WB 5. Advocate Anant Asthana- ( HRLN)
12:00-12:15	Discussion	
12:15-1:15	c. Minorities in Prison (Dalits/ Tribals/ Persons with Disabilities/ Foreign Prisoners)	1. Radhika Alkazi (aarth India) 2. Mehtab Alam, Activist 3. Ranvijay (Nalanda, Bihar) 4. Sr. Mariola, PMI, Rajasthan 5. Sis. Maria Gorete, PMI, Delhi 6. Advocate Pankaj Sinha- (HRLN)
1:15-1:30	Discussion	
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch	
2:30-2:45	Enforcing Prisoner's Rights in the Legal System	Colin Gonsalves

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2:45-3:45	<b>Corruption and Discriminatory Practices in Jails in Various States</b>  a. Religious minorities	1. Er. Rasheed (MLA, J&K) 2. Inam- Un-Nabi (Human Rights Activist) 3. Sr. Mary Scaria(Adv. Supreme Court) 4. Advocate Shoaib, Lucknow- ( HRLN)
3:45-4:45	b. Torture/ Custodial Death	1. Kirity Roy (Masum) 2. Gayatri (Amnesty-Bangalore) 3. Santosh Upadhyay, (Bandiyon ke Adhikar), Bihar 4. K.K. Roy (HRLN, UP) 5. Adv. Shamik Narain- ( HRLN)
4:45-5:00	<b>Discussion</b>	
5:00-6:00	<b>Access to Legal Aid</b> a. In Conflict Zones	1. Himanshu Kumar (Activist, Chhatisgarh) 2. Shashi Bhushan Pathak, PUCL, Jharkhand 3. Advocate Ahmed Raza (HRLN, Jharkhand) 4. Advocate Amarnath Pandey 5. Advocate Sunil Maow(AP) 6. Sudha Bhardwaj, (Chhattisgarh)
6:00-6:30	b. Plea Bargaining/ Forced Confessions/ Fabrication of false Cases	1. Dr. Manisha Sethi (HR Activist) 2. Zevi, Advocate, Nagaland 3. Ranjiv (Activist, Bihar) 4. Advocate Vishnu Shukla, (HRLN, Kanpur)
6:30-6:45	<b>Discussion</b>	
6:45-7:15	Criminal Legal Aid in Death Sentence Cases	1. Advocate Nav kiran Singh, Gen Sec, Lawyers for Human Rights International 2. Colin Gonsalves
7:15-8:00	Conditions of Women and Women with Children	1. Abhishek, Sudhar, MP 2. Shagufta, Bhopal, MP 3. Meena (Activist, UP) 4. India Vision 5. Advocate Nivedita, HRLN, Kolkata
8:00-8:15	<b>Discussion</b>	
8:15	<b>Dinner</b>	

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9.00-10.15	<b>Legal Aid from the point of Arrest/ Lok Adalats</b> a. Role of NLSA /SLSAs	1. Adv. Anup Bhambani-DLSA 2. Abhay Chaturbedi (Member Secretary, Rajasthan LSA) 3. Shreedevi-Secretary-UPLSA 4. Tej Tewari-Member- UPLSA 5. Advocate Svetlana S. Correya (HRLN)
10.15-10.45	b. Role of Prison Administration	1. DG, Prisons, Delhi 2. H. Ahmad (Dy. Jailor, Lucknow)
10:45-11:00	<b>Discussion</b>	
11:00-11:30	Conditions of Medical facilities/ Visitation rights	1. Garima Tewari, IBJ, Bhopal 2. Advocate Ritu (HRLN)
11:30-11:45	<b>Discussion</b>	
11.45-12:45	<b>Role of Human Rights Organisations in Access to Justice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Aid from the point of Arrest</li><li>• Filing Public Interest Litigations</li><li>• RTIs / Social Audits/ Transparency in Prisons</li></ul>	1. Dr. Murali Karnam (Human Rights Forum) 2. Shubhashish Dutta (MASUM, West Bengal) 3. Sana Das (CHRI, Delhi) 4. Debashish Banerjee (HRLN, Kolkata)
12:45-1:00	<b>Discussion</b>	
1:00-2:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
2.00-3.00	<b>Role of Civil society in providing legal aid</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• law clinics</li><li>• legal awareness camps</li><li>• Para-legal</li><li>• Fact-finding/ Case studies</li></ul>	1. Prof. Kehkasha Danyl (Jamia Milia Islamia) 2. Anju Talukdar (Marg) 3. Sugandha (CHRI)

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Fr. Joseph (Sanjoe Society, Delhi)</li><li>5. Naman, (NLU, Delhi)</li><li>6. Ambrina (LLM, NLS, Bangalore)</li><li>7. Isha &amp; Monu, DU</li></ol>
3.00-4.00	<b>Role of Media/Press</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Iftikhar Gilani, DNA</li><li>2. Kumara Swamy, Telegraph</li><li>3. Danish Raza, The First Post</li><li>4. Pritha (Indian Express)</li><li>5. Indrani (TOI)</li></ol>
4.00-6.00	<b>Plan of Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying issues for Filing PIL</li><li>• Providing legal aid in Jail</li><li>• Establishing a network of various groups lawyers/NGOs/ Paralegal</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. CHRI</li><li>2. IBJ</li><li>3. LFHRI</li><li>4. Sudhar</li><li>5. Marg</li><li>6. HAQ</li><li>7. MASUM</li><li>8. Sanjoe Society for Prisoners</li><li>9. Bandiyon ka Adhikar</li><li>10. JVI</li><li>11. PMI</li><li>12. PVCHR</li><li>13. Nihal, (HRLN)</li></ol>
6:00-7:00	<b>Open Discussion</b>	