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**Celebrating 75 Years of the Constitution of India,
the Supreme Court of India and the Commonwealth**

International Seminar on

**Freedom of Expression and Role of Media:
Reflections on the Commonwealth Latimer House Principles**

Inaugural: 3rd May 2024 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. IST / 13:00 - 15:00 (UTC)

Presentations on 4th May 10:00 AM- 7:00 PM IST / 5:30 - 14:30 HRS (UTC)

Virtual mode



INAUGURAL CEREMONY

3rd May 2024, from 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. IST/13:00 - 15:00 (UTC)

- **Welcome Address & Introduction by Prof. (Dr) S Sivakumar**, President, CLEA/Senior Professor, Indian Law Institute/ Former Member Law Commission of India
- **Address by Prof. (Dr.) Mizanur Rehman**, Former Chairman, Bangladesh Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh on **Reflection about Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon**
- **Address by Prof. (Dr.) John Hatchard**, Vice-President, CLEA, Emeritus Professor, University of Buckingham Professor, UN Anti-Corruption Academy, Vienna on **Latimer House Principle on Freedom of Speech and Expression**
- **Address by (Dr.) Peter D Maynard KC**, President, Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- **Address by Prof. Luis G. Franceschi**, Assistant Secretary General of the Commonwealth on **75 years of Commonwealth & Media**
- **Address by Dr. R. Venkataramani**, Learned Attorney General for India on **75 years of the Constitution of India**
- **Keynote address by Hon'ble Mr Justice. S. Thuirairaja**, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
- **Inaugural Address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant**, Judge, Supreme Court of India
- **Vote of Thanks by Prof. Meera Furtado**, General Secretary, CLEA



Technical sessions

4th May 2024, from 10:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. IST/5:30 - 14:30 HRS (UTC)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM IST

I. Press Freedom and 75 Years of the Indian Constitution:

A Retrospect 75 Years of the Supreme Court of India:
The Way Ahead

Chair (8 Minutes): Prof. (Dr.) B. C. Nirmal,
Former Vice-Chancellor, NUSRL, Ranchi, India

Moderator: Dr. Girisankar S.S, Principal, St. Dominic's College of
Law, Kanjirapally, Kottayam, Kerala

Keynote Speaker (8 Minutes): Barrister Prashanta Barua,
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Dhaka

Speakers (8 Minutes):

- 75 Years of Supreme Court of India: The Way Ahead, **Dr. P. George Giri**
- Changing Role of Press in Democracy, **Dr. Rahima Ansar Musaliar, Assistant Professor, Kuwait International Law School, Kuwait**
- Constitutionality of Media Trials in India: In light of 75 years of the Constitution of India, **Ms. Apurva Verma**
- Extent Of Judicial Intervention in Controlling Social Media- An Analysis, **Ms Reshmi Aysha**
- Right to Information and Privacy: 75 years of Constitution of India, **Mr. Salman Qasmi**
- Reconciling the Tenets of Press Liberty and Martial Directives: An Exploration of the Indian Jurisprudence, **Mr. Devesh Bharadwaj**
- Press freedom in India: Revisiting the Constituent Assembly, **Ms. Anishka Singh**
- India's Vulnerability to Information Warfare: Navigating the Global Assault and Strengthening National Media, a retrospect from 75 years of Indian Constitution, **Mr. Govinda Pandey**

Discussion by Participants

Concluding Address by Moderator (8 Minutes)

Facilitator: Ms. Ruchi Sharma, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute/Joint General Secretary, CLEA



1:30 PM – 3:00 PM IST

II. Reflecting on the Evolution of Freedom of Expression in India and the Commonwealth

Chair (8 Minutes): Prof. (Dr.) Md. Rahmatullah,
Professor and Chairman, Department of Law, University of Dhaka

Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Kokila Lankathilake Konasinghe
Professor, Department of Public & International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Keynote Speaker (8 Minutes): Smt. Aishwarya Bhati,
Ld. Additional Solicitor General, Supreme Court of India

Speakers (8 Minutes):

- Agonistic Assemblies: Internet Shutdowns in India and their Impact on Freedom of Expression, **Dr. Rekha Oleschak-Pillai, Faculty of Law, Universität Freiburg, Université de Fribourg**
- Regulating Social Media Influencers: Regulations and Challenges, **Dr. Sagee Geetha Sethu, Program Head - Amity Law School, Dubai International Academic City, Dubai, UAE**
- Evolution of Media Law in India: The Fourth Pillar of Democracy, **Ms. Abhisheka Sharma**
- Media and Wrongful Prosecution, **Mr. Siddhartha Srivastava**
- Advertisement and Commercial Speech: An Era of Sensationalization, **Mr. Priyatam Bhardwaj**
- Discouraging or Empowering Voices: The Intersection of Woke Culture in Media and its Impact on Indian Democracy, **Ms. Ayushi Verma**
- From Radio to OTT: Navigating Broadcasting Rights and Copyright Law, **Ms. Akanksha Anand**

Discussion by Participants

Concluding Address by Moderator (8 Minutes)

Facilitator: Ms. Nabila Zehra, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute/Convener, CLEA – Student Chapter



3:30 PM – 5:00 PM IST/ 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM UTC

III. Role of Media in Good Governance: Reflections on Latimer House Principles

Chair (8 Minutes): Prof. (Dr.) Joe Silva, Vice President- CLEA, UK

Moderator: Dr. Franaaz Khan, Department of Private Law,
University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Keynote Speaker (8 Minutes): Mr. Rajeev Amarasuriya,
Advocate, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Role of Media in
Good Governance: Sri Lankan Perspective

Speakers (8 Minutes):

- Analyzing the Evolution of Social Media Regulation: A Focus on the IT Act, the Shreya Singhal Case, and Addressing Deep Fake Challenges, **Ms. Nabila Zehra**
- The Media's Role in Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Governance: A Latimer House Perspective, **Ms. Sumaiya Khan**
- Achieving Harmony Between Press Liberties and Legal Fairness: Exploring the Latimer House Principles in India's Criminal Proceedings, **Mr. Hritvik Ravi**
- Executive Influence and Press Freedom in India, **Ms. Shachi Rani**
- Upholding the Latimer House Principles: Examining the Media's Role in India's 75-Year-Old Democracy, **Mr. Awadhesh Chaturvedi**
- Freedom of expression and role of Media: Reflecting on the Commonwealth Latimer House Principles, **Ms. Tusharika Singh**

Discussion by Participants

Concluding Address by Moderator (8 Minutes)

Facilitator: Ms. Ruchi Sharma, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute/Joint General Secretary, CLEA



5:30 PM – 7:00 PM IST/ 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM UTC

IV. Media, Law and Democracy: Perspectives from India and the Commonwealth

Chair (8 Minutes): Prof. (Dr.) John Hatchard,
Vice-President, CLEA, Emeritus Professor,
University of Buckingham Professor, UN Anti-Corruption
Academy, Vienna

Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P Lukose, University School of Law
and Legal Studies, GGS Indraprastha University, Delhi, India

Keynote Speakers (8 Minutes):

- **Ms. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal,** Government Senator, Minister in the Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Legal Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Prof. Masum Billah,** Medium is the Message: An Understanding of Law as a Means of Communication,

Speakers (8 Minutes):

- Freedom of Expression and Media's Role in Effective Governance, **Ms. Nadia Rahman, East West University (EWU), Dhaka, Bangladesh**
- Dynamic and Progressive Self-Regulation Accelerates the Fourth Pillar to enhance the Democratic Integrity: A Retrospective Analysis in comparison with Finnish and Swedish Scenario, **Dr. Jomy Thottiyon Jose, Spain**
- Cornerstone Imperative: Upholding Freedom of Expression Across India and the Commonwealth, **Dr. Anita Patil, Bangalore, India**
- Media, Development and Good Governance in Commonwealth, **Ms. Ruchi Sharma**
- Media Under Siege: Freedom During Emergencies, **Ms. Nivedita Sinha**
- Parliamentary Privileges and the Right to Speech, **Ms. Manisha**
- Media & the Bench: A Diamond Jubilee Analysis, **Ms. Ginni Madan**

Discussion by Participants

Concluding Address by Moderator (8 Minutes)

Facilitator: Mr. Salman Qasmi, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute/Convener, CLEA-Asia





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Prof. (Dr.) S Siva kumar, Senior Professor, Indian Law Institute/
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