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Distinguished Public Lecture

on

"THE RIGHT TO LIFE AND THE PRIVILEGE TO DIE: CONSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE PRACTICE OF SANTHARA"



Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi

*Member of Parliament &
National Spokesperson, Indian National Congress*

Programme

5:00 pm – 5:10 pm

Welcome Address

Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar

Founding Vice Chancellor

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) and

Dean, Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)

5:10 pm – 5:15 pm

Introductory Remarks

Professor Khagesh Gautam

Associate Professor & Assistant Dean, JGLS

5:15 pm – 5:55 pm

Distinguished Public Lecture

Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi

Member of Parliament &

National Spokesperson, Indian National Congress

5:55 pm – 6:10 pm

Response by

Professor (Dr.) Shiv Visvanathan

Vice Dean, JGLS

6:10 pm – 6:25 pm

Discussion

6:25 pm – 6:30 pm

Vote of Thanks

Professor (Dr.) Y. S. R. Muthy

Registrar, O.P. Jindal Global University

Date: Friday, 12 August 2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: T3, Global Auditorium

O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat-131001



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Short Bio

Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi

*Member of Parliament & National Spokesperson
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Dr Abhishek Singhvi is an eminent jurist, parliamentarian, visible media personality, well known columnist, author and commentator. (MP; National Spokesperson, Congress; former Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Law; eminent jurist; former Addl Solicitor General, India; former Chairman, AICC Law & Human Rights Department; writer, speaker, thinker, well known media personality.)

He is a Member of Parliament; the senior most National Spokesperson of the Congress Party; the youngest designated Senior Advocate, Supreme Court (at age 34); a former and youngest Additional Solicitor General of India (ASG) (at 37) and former elected Vice President, Supreme Court Bar Association. Abhishek Manu Singhvi is currently the Chairman of the AICC All India Law and Human Rights Department and Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Law, Justice, Personnel & Grievances. He was formerly Vice Chairman of Congress' Media Department.

Education

B.A.(Hons.), M.A., Ph.D., PIL Educated at St. Columba's School, Delhi, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, Trinity College, University of Cambridge, U.K. and Harvard University, U.S.A. He topped India at the school leaving Indian School Certificate exam and did BA Economics Hons, St Stephen's College, and MA and PhD from Trinity College, Cambridge, UK. He also taught at St. John's College, Cambridge and did a summer program, PIL, from Harvard, USA. He has lectured to student/faculty groups and general audiences at Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Boston MIT and George Washington Universities, to NGOs and think tanks (like Heritage Foundation, International Council of World Affairs in Washington, DC, USA) and addressed several international conferences, including those at Paris and Pakistan. Abhishek Manu Singhvi was conferred honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Amity, Rajasthan and Jain Viswa Bharati Universities. Abhishek Manu Singhvi is visiting Trumbull Lecturer at Yale University, USA in 2011.

Positions Held

- **1997-98** Additional Solicitor General of India 2001 onwards National Spokesperson, Indian National Congress April 2006 Elected to Rajya Sabha Aug. 2006 - May 2009 and Aug.
- **2009-July 2011** Member, Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice Aug.
- **2006 - Aug. 2007** Member, Joint Committee on Offices of Profit Member, Joint Committee to examine the Constitutional and Legal position relating to Office of Profit Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Urban Development Sept.
- **2006 - Sept. 2010** Member, Committee of Privileges July 2010 onwards Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of External Affairs July 2011 onwards Chairman, Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice Member, General Purposes Committee.

Ranked some years ago at 34th on the India Today Top 50 Power List, Dr Singhvi is a sought after writer, commentator and panelist in both the visual and print media, and has done innumerable talk shows and interactive sessions in English and Hindi on almost all television channels and all leading print publications. "Legal Eagles" authored by Indu Bhan (publ by Random House, 2015) lists Dr Singhvi amongst the top Seven Lawyers in India and has his biographical sketch.

His interests include reading biographies, Music especially Bollywood, ghazals & Sufi, watching action thrillers, travel, writing & electronic gizmos.