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Conference
on
JUDICIAL DIVERSITY

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Date: 11 August 2018
Time: 10:00 am – 5:15 pm

Date: 12 August 2018
Time: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Venue: Jindal Global Educational & Professional Academy,
NTH Complex, A2, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg
Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi

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Day 1: 11 August 2018

- 10:00 am – 10:10 am **Welcome Address**
Professor (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, Registrar, O.P.Jindal Global University
- 10:10 am – 10:30 am **Introduction**
Sumathi Chandrashekar, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy
Dipika Jain, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Technology, Jindal Global Law School

Presentation on "Diversity in Judiciary"

- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Sumathi Chandrashekar**, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy
Diksha Sanyal, Research Associate, JALDI Project, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am **High Tea**

Inaugural Panel: 11:30 am – 12:50 pm Setting the Context: Understanding the Need for Judicial Diversity

Chair: Dipika Jain, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Technology, Jindal Global Law School

Panelists:

- Justice K. Chandru, Former Judge, Madras High Court
- Justice Nishita Mhatre, Former Judge, Calcutta High Court
- Warisha Farasat, Advocate, High Court of Delhi
- Rebecca John, Senior Advocate, High Court of Delhi

- 01:00 pm – 02:00 pm **Lunch break**

Roundtable 2: 02:00 pm – 03:20 pm Entering the System: Barriers to the Appointment of Marginalized Communities in the Judiciary

Chair: Jhuma Sen, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Panelists:

- Doma Bhutia, Advocate, Sikkim High Court
- Judge Joyita Mondal, Lok Adalat Judge, Social Worker
- Swati Aggrawal, Director, IDIA Charitable Trust
- Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Gurmohina Kaur, Patiala House Court, New Delhi

Roundtable 3: 03:20 pm – 04:40 pm Moving up the System: Barriers to Career Progression of Marginalized Communities within the Judiciary

Chair: Krithika Ashok, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Panelists:

- Dr. Rangin P. Tripathy, Assistant Professor, NLU Odisha
- Ashif Shaikh, Director, Jan Sahas
- Jayna Kothari, Co-founder, Centre for Law & Policy Research
- Metropolitan Magistrate Vijeta Singh Rawat, Patiala House Court, New Delhi

- 04:45 pm – 05:15 pm **High Tea**

Day 2: 12 August 2018

09:30 am – 10:00 am Tea & Coffee

Roundtable 4: 10:00 am – 11:20 am Looking Beyond Reservation: Developing a Multi-Pronged and Multi-Stakeholder Response to Make the Judiciary More Inclusive

Chair: Dr. Sumit Baudh, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School

Panelists:

- **Prasanta Rakshit**, Founder member, National Alliance Group for Nomadic and Denotified Tribe
- **Dr. Aparna Chandra**, Assistant Professor, National Law University, Delhi
- **Amba Salelkar**, Advocate and Board Member, Equals, Centre for Promotion of Social Justice
- **Judge Sharmila Patil**, Adhoc Civil Judge Senior Division & Judicial Magistrate First Class, Quepem, Margao

Roundtable 5: 11:20 am – 12:40 pm Way Forward

Chair: Sumathi Chandrashekar, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

Panelists:

- **Tashi Barfungpa**, Advocate, Sikkim High Court
- **Justice Chandru**, Former Madras High Court Judge
- **Justice Nishita Mhatre**, Former Calcutta High Court Judge
- **Judge Sherin Paul**, District Judge & Additional Sessions Judge, Panaji, Goa

12:40 pm – 01:00 pm

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

Reshma Sekhar, Research Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy &
Vandita Khanna, Research Fellow, Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Technology,
Jindal Global Law School

01:00 pm – 02:00 pm

Lunch