

Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon Memorial Legal Conclave 2020

Organized by: The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata

Concept Note

Prof. NR Madhava Menon, the academic turned institution-builder, is considered as the pioneer of modern legal education in India. He is the founder Vice Chancellor of NUJS, Kolkata, and has been instrumental in making NUJS one of the most reputed law schools in the country. Late Prof. Menon was also the founder Vice-Chancellor of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, which set the benchmark for mainstream legal education in India. Prof. Menon also served as the first Director of the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, and was instrumental in making it an effective national system for judicial education.

His contribution and dedication to mainstream legal education in India has been unparalleled. Prof. Menon has built institutions like NLSIU, NUJS and the National Judicial Academy from scratch, and has converted them into reputed institutions which have set the benchmark for imparting legal education in India. Prof. Menon revolutionized Indian Legal Education by introducing Harvard Law School's case study method in India. Significantly, he is also credited with the conceptualization of the five-year integrated LLB course.

We at NUJS continue to benefit from his unparalleled legacy. In light of his recent demise, and to commemorate his contribution to legal education in India, we shall be organizing the first **Prof. NR Madhava Menon Memorial Legal Conclave 2020**. The Conclave shall be held on **1-2nd February, 2020**.

A celebration of the Madhava Menon method of legal education, this Conclave shall be a pan-India event and act as a free forum for exchange of ideas on contemporary legal issues. The focal theme of the inaugural edition of this Conclave is "**Grounding Constitutionalism in Legal Education: Emerging Issues and Challenges**". The sub-themes of the conclave are:

1. Legal Pluralism and the Constitution.
2. Constitution, Liberty, and Criminal Law.

3. Fiscal Policy, Taxation and the Indian Constitution.
4. Right to Development and the Constitution.
5. Devolution of Powers, Federalism, and the Constitution.
6. Citizenship, National Security, and the Constitution.
7. Privacy and the Constitution.
8. Personal Law: Criminalization and Decriminalization of certain acts.

Over the course of two days, we shall be organizing multiple seminars, conferences, paper presentations, debates and other events that shall be based on the aforementioned themes. We shall be inviting renowned academicians, practitioners, jurists both nationally and internationally. We, at NUJS, plan to receive contribution and participation from reputed legal practitioners, academics and students from both India and abroad.

The man never retired and so, shouldn't his legacy.
