

SCHEDULE/AGENDA

FIRST DAY CONFERENCE:

OCTOBER 2nd, 2015

Timings: 10 am to 6 pm

Venue: NLU Delhi, Dwarka

TITLE/THEME: GANDHI AND THE IDIA OF LAW: CREATING CHAMPS

**Joint Conference Between IDIA and Chair on Professional Ethics,
National Law University (NLU) Delhi**

Gandhi and the IDIA of Law

Arguably, one of the most outstanding lawyers and political leaders that this world has ever seen, Mahatma Gandhi was a true CHAMP. To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, the conference will seek to connect the Mahatma's idea of law with the CHAMPS project, namely the creation of lawyers who: **Creative, Holistic, Altruistic, Maverick and Moral Problem Solvers (CHAMPS)**.

Sessions:

The conference will focus on each one of the CHAMPS attributes and what the present day profession thinks of them, along with how best we might be able to inculcate these values in our scholars. So we will have 6 sessions through the day to outline each one of the CHAMPS attributes. Illustratively in the session on creativity, we hope to engage with the issue of creativity in the law, and how to produce more lateral and less literal lawyers. Similarly in the session on problem solving, we focus on how lawyers can be better problem solvers, including deploying alternative dispute resolution methods.

9.45 am: Assemble in the Conference Room

10.00 am: Morning welcome address (from NLU Delhi): Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh

Welcome from IDIA: Prof MP Singh/Justice Pal/Shamnad Basheer from IDIA

10.30-11.00 am Keynote Address:

Justice Zak Yacoob: “Gandhi and the Idea of the Ideal Lawyer”

Questions etc: 11 am to 11.10 am

Sessions (11.15 am to 6 pm)

1. Creativity/Maverick (11.30-12.45 pm)
 - a. Moderator: Justice Prabha Sridevan (Former Chairman, IPAB)
 - b. Justice Dr. S Muralidhar (Judge, Delhi High Court)
 - c. Pravin Anand (Managing Partner, Anand and Anand)
 - d. Abhimanyu Bhandari (Founder, Axxon Legal)
 - e. Shruti Pandey (Program Officer, Ford Foundation)

Lunch Break: 1 pm to 2 pm

Small Skit by IDIA Team (Auditorium): 2 -2.30 pm

2. Holistic (2.30 pm to 3.15 pm)
 - a. Moderator: Prof (Dr) MP Singh (Former VC, NUJS and Trustee, IDIA)
 - b. Prof (Dr) Purvi Pokhariyal (Director, Institute of Law, Nirma University)
 - c. Menaka Guruswamy (Supreme Court lawyer)
 - d. Murali Neelakantan (Independent Consultant)
 - e. Nirupam Srivastava (Head of Strategy, LexisNexis India)
3. Altruism/Moral (3.15 pm to 4.15 pm)
 - a. Moderator: Justice Ruma Pal (Former Judge, Supreme Court and IDIA Trustee)
 - b. Justice Gita Mittal (Judge, Delhi High Court)
 - c. Prof Jane Schukoske (CEO, SM Sehgal Foundation)
 - d. Gopal Sankaranarayan (Supreme Court lawyer)
 - e. Paku Khan (Executive Director, Khaitan & Co)
 - f. Ghulam Rasool Dehlvi (Social Worker and Writer)

Tea Break: 4.15 pm to 4.30 pm

4. Anti Fragile (4.30 pm to 5.00 pm)
 - a. Moderator: Prof Yogesh Pai (National Law University Delhi)
 - b. Yugal Jain (NALSAR student and IDIA Scholar)
 - c. Prof (Dr) Sanjay Jain (ILS Law College)
 - d. Namrata Vinod (NUALS student and IDIA Kerala Team Leader)
5. Problem Solvers (5.00 pm to 6.00 pm)
 - a. Moderator: Madhurima Mukherjee (Partner, AZB & Partners)
 - b. Pramod Rao (General Counsel, Citi India)
 - c. Kamlesh Sajjani (Founder, IMS)
 - d. Arghya Sengupta (Founder, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy)
 - e. Deepu Krishna (Chairman, DK-STuDs Edu Services)

October 3rd

Creating CHAMPS: Celebrating 5 years of IDIA!

**Venue: Delhi Flying Club, Safdarjung, New Delhi
(5.00 to 7.30 pm and then break for dinner and refreshments)**

Dignitaries on the Dais (for the 3rd evening function)

1. Justice Zak Yacoob, Former Judge, South African Constitutional Court
 2. Padma Shri Prof (Dr) NR Madhava Menon, Founding Vice Chancellor, NLSIU
 3. Justice Leila Seth, Former High Court judge
 4. Prof (Dr) MP Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, NUJS and IDIA Trustee
 5. Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, NLU Delhi
 6. Prof (Dr) Krishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU Orissa
 7. Abhimanyu Bhandari (Lawyer, Delhi and IDIA Advisory Board Member)
- 5:15 pm: Welcoming the Special Guests to the Dais
 - 5.30 pm: Welcome address by Prof (Dr) Shamnad Basheer, Managing Trustee, IDIA
 - Other welcome address (Prof Ranbir Singh, NLU Delhi, Rainmaker)
 - 5.45 pm-6.05 pm: Keynote address: Padma Shri Prof (Dr) NR Madhava Menon (“Creating Lawyers to become Transformational Leaders for Justice”)
 - 6.05 to 6.15 pm: Special Address by Justice Leila Seth
 - 6.15 to 6.30 pm: Other Address by Dignitaries on the Dais
 - 6.15 pm to 7.00 pm: Prize Distribution Ceremony (awards to top performing IDIA scholars, volunteers and IDIA champions and partners)
 - 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm: Talent Show by IDIA Scholars (Poetry Reading, Dance etc)
 - 7.40 pm: Vote of thanks
 - 7.45 pm: Break for dinner and Refreshments