



DR. AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

PROF. (DR.) N.R. MADHAVA MENON MEMORIAL LECTURE & BOOK LAUNCH

**Theme: Legal and Justice Education @2047: An Agenda for 100
Years of Independence**

Event Report

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The Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), in collaboration with the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA), hosted the First Prof. (Dr.) N.R. Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture on 17th September 2025 at Bhim Hall, DAIC, New Delhi. The event paid tribute to the pioneering contributions of Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, widely regarded as the father of modern legal education in India, and explored the future of legal and justice education as India approaches its centenary of independence in 2047. The programme also witnessed the release of three significant books addressing pressing issues of law and society in the contemporary world.

The event was graced by eminent dignitaries including Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India, who served as the Chief Guest; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Executive Chairman of NALSA and Chief Patron of CLEA; Dr. R. Venkataramani, Learned Attorney General for India; Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar, Senior Professor at the Indian Law Institute, President of CLEA and Member of the 21st Law Commission of India; and Col. Akash Patil, Director, DAIC.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Col. Akash Patil, Director, DAIC, followed by an introductory address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar, who highlighted the life and contributions of Prof. Menon to legal education and CLEA's mission. Dr. R. Venkataramani offered deep insights on Prof. Menon's legacy and his transformative vision for legal education. The dignitaries then released three books: "Sustainability and Subsistence: Legal Strategies for a Green Planet" with a foreword by Justice B.R. Gavai; "Disaster Management Laws in Asia: A Retrospect" with a foreword by Justice Surya Kant; and "Law and Society: During and Post Covid Pandemic" with a foreword by Dr. R. Venkataramani. The introductions of the books were made by Mr. Gowrishankar Natesan, Publisher, Thomson Reuters and CEO of Southshore Innovations Pvt. Ltd.

Justice B.R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India, delivered the Inaugural Address, emphasizing the need to align legal education with social justice, technology, and inclusivity in order to shape the lawyers of tomorrow. This was followed by the highlight of the evening, the First Prof. (Dr.) N.R. Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture delivered by Justice Surya Kant on "Legal and Justice Education @2047: An Agenda for 100 Years of Independence." He stressed the role of constitutional morality, digital fluency, climate justice, and equity as guiding principles for the next century of legal education in India. The formal proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Ruchi Sharma D., Joint General Secretary, CLEA. Following the formal session, a High Tea and Book Presentation & Interaction Session was held at Shrivasti Hall, where Justice Surya Kant engaged with the authors. The three books released during the event addressed critical themes such as environmental governance and sustainable development,

comparative disaster management frameworks in Asia, and the legal and societal transformations during and post the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event successfully honored the vision and contributions of Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon to modern legal education in India, fostered dialogue on the future of legal and justice education in the context of India@2047, and strengthened institutional partnerships between CLEA and DAIC in advancing legal scholarship and social justice. The Memorial Lecture marked a historic beginning in institutionalizing annual reflections on the future of legal education, commemorating Prof. Menon's legacy while charting an ambitious agenda for a just, inclusive, and future-ready legal education system by 2047.





