



ROUND TABLE  
ON  
CHALLENGES TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION  
IN MAHARASHTRA  
2.30PM to 4.30PM

**Chair: Hon'ble Shri Justice A. S. Oka**

**Discussants:**

- 1) **Mr. Ashutosh Kumbhakoni**, Advocate General, Maharashtra
- 2) **Shri S. K. Shrivastava**, Home Secretary
- 3) **Mr. Milind Sathe**, Sr. Advocate & President, Bombay Bar Association
- 4) **Mr. Rajiv Chavan**, Sr. Advocate & President, Advocate Association of Western India
- 5) **Prof.(Dr.) S. Parasuraman**, Director, TISS
- 6) **Prof. (Dr.) B.P. Panda**, Vice Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai & Director CRCJ
- 7) **Mr. Sadashiv S. Deshmukh**, Registrar, MNLU Mumbai & Director, Centre for Clinical Legal Education (CCLE)
- 8) **Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan**, Director, Amity Law School, Lucknow
- 9) **Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari**, Dean, School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance TISS
- 10) **Dr. K.L. Vibhuti**, Former Dean, RGSIPR, IIT, Kharagpur
- 11) **Prof. (Dr.)Ashok Kumar Srivastava**, MNLU Mumbai

— High Tea —

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## The Backgrounder

"Under the present system of criminal justice, an accused person resolutely minded to delay the day of reckoning, may quite conveniently and comfortably do so, if he can but afford the cost involved, by journeying back and forth between the court of first instance and the superior courts at frequent interlocutory stages, by filing applications to quash investigations, complaints, and charges on all imaginable grounds. Delay is a known defence tactic." - The Hon'ble Supreme Court observed in Maharashtra vs Champalal Punjaji Shah [1981 (3) SCC 610].

Maharashtra has maximum number of pending cases across district courts after U.P. However, while pendency is an important parameter to judge the efficacy of justice delivery, reducing the number of cases alone is not enough. Maharashtra is also marred by overcrowding in prisons (less jails, less space in existing Jails, large no. of inmates), problems of women inmates, rehabilitation of Juvenile offenders dismal state of court infrastructure in Maharashtra.

Improvement in criminal justice administration in state of Maharashtra calls for multi-pronged efforts from judiciary, civil society members like NGOs, educational and research institutes.

To understand the challenges faced in Maharashtra in efficient administration of criminal justice and to initiate the dialogue through deliberations of principal stakeholders, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai extends the invite to participate in a round table discussion on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018 from 2.30 PM to 4.30 PM. Hon'ble Shri Justice A. S. Oka, Judge High Court of Judicature has kindly agreed to Chair the session and moderate its proceedings.

