



THE WB NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

&

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

Invites to participate in its

***National Conference on Place of Deemed
Homeless in Good Governance and Inclusive
Growth***

January 27-29, 2012

Venue: NUJS Campus at Kolkata, India.

Concept Note

The WB National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) is one of the premiere national law schools of India, in its short existence has contributed immensely in the legal fraternity. As a centre of legal knowledge dissemination and legal research the University has aimed to promote among its students a justice oriented model of legal education, respect for the fellow citizens, fostering social justice and involve in activities and research to make law and the legal process an efficient

instruments for social development. To fulfill this objective more effectively the University has established various vibrant and dynamic specialized centers to undertake dedicated research and campaign for promoting human rights and social justice.

The **Legal Aid Society** is one such functionary and responsible to administer activities and programs for promotion of universal access to justice. This society has been a frontrunner in engaging the students to use their knowledge of law to provide free legal aid to those who are needy and cannot afford it by organizing Awareness Camps and several projects e.g. providing free legal service to inmates of correctional homes, victims of natural disaster, filing public interest litigation on burning social issues and undertaking action research projects to increase access to justice for common citizens.

The **Center for Human Rights and Citizenship Studies** is another important center. This specialized center is dedicated to promote human rights studies and research. The center in the past has contributed is research, advocacy and publication of several important issues for promotion and realization of human rights and social justice.

These two specialized bodies of NUJS have joined hand to undertake and promote academic dialogue, research and publication on a very significant issue of governance and inclusive growth for the deemed homeless in the nation state system. The 2010 Multidimensional Poverty Index indicates that 8 Indian States 421 million poor people. These States are, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, U.P. and West Bengal. That being the volume of BPL families, there lies a large chunk of families who are not able to avail the benefits of various schemes meant for them, as they do not have an address, or any proof of residence. They live along the Railway tracks, Nalas or such other public places, who are forcefully removed by the concerned authorities, whenever the place need to have a presentable appearance, and thereafter they end up at similar other places of inconveniences. Since the servicing with several schemes, therefore goes exclusively to the 'well-to-do' of the BPL families, they continue to be the poorest of the poor. These are some of the 'Deemed Homeless'. In order to provide a forum for the people undertaking serious academic study on this subject, these two bodies have decided to organize a three day National Conference on ***“Place of Deemed Homeless in Good Governance and Inclusive Growth of India”*** in **January 27-29, 2012 at NUJS campus at Kolkata.**

The main aim of this conference is to foster an academic dialogue, promotion of empirical studies and publication, sharing of information and knowledge on issues, and creation of a national

advocacy group to campaign for the protection of basic rights of the deemed homeless population. On behalf of the conference organizing team we invite lawyers, NGO, academicians, students, political thinkers, social scientists who are engaged in research projects, implementation programs, legal decision making, policy formulation at national or transnational level, involving deemed homeless populations in India and abroad, to participate in the conference, share their research experience and evolve a future plan of action for protecting the rights of this group of citizens.

Looking forward for your active participation!!

To participate in the conference fill up the registration form and send it to the address mentioned below or e-mail the scanned copy to las.nujs@gmail.com. Please mention “Registration form for 2nd National Conference” in the subject line of the e-mail.

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Registration form is available on the WB NUJS web-site. Please visit WB NUJS web-site: <http://www.nujs.edu/index.html>.

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