

O.P. Jindal Global University Organises 15th Asian Postgraduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice

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- Participants to deliberate on critical victimology issues and challenges in 40 Sessions over 13 Days



O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU), in association with World Society of Victimology (WSV) and Indian Society of Victimology (ISV), is organising the 15th Asian Postgraduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice at its university campus in Sonapat from October 23rd - November 4th, 2017.

Over 50 delegates and 40 faculty members from USA, India, Australia, Netherlands, Germany, Bangladesh and Bulgaria are participating in the course, which is being held in India for the first time. The 15th edition of this course is being

organized by Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, a value-based research institute of JGU.

The forum was inaugurated by the **President of World Society of Victimology Professor (Dr.) Marc Groenhuijsen**. He said, *"The 15th Asian Postgraduate course on Victimology and Victim Assistance is important to address some of the most cogent challenges and serious problems affecting different forms of victims. As experts, we stand committed and renew our commitment to deliberations, good research, professional advancements and most importantly, to the values of dignity, decency and human rights to all."*

The thirteen days postgraduate course focusses on Victimology and Victim Assistance in an international setting. The sessions specifically focus on pertinent areas like avoidance of secondary victimisation, principles of interventions for crime victims, victimisation in India, principles of victim assistance, victimisation of juveniles, structural victimisation, cyber-victimisation, rape victims, mediation, restoration and compensation, restorative justice in India, victims of communal violence, sex trafficking, prison victimisation and female genital mutilation.

Speaking on the course, **Professor Dr. Sanjeev P. Sahni, Principal Director, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences**, said, *"The 15th Asian Postgraduate Course on Victimology and Victim Assistance is truly a melting pot of ideas on victim assistance. It will generate ideas and thoughts which are likely to influence victim assistance strategies and policies. I would like to express my gratitude to all those made this high-calibre course a big success."*

Prof. Dr. Marc Groenhuijsen (President, World Society of Victimology), Prof G.S. Bajpai (President, Indian Society of Victimology) and Prof. Dr. Robert Peacock, the Nestor of victimology in Africa and many other leading experts from across the world will be participating in the course. The forum will also witness participation of postgraduate students, researchers, lawyers and academicians.

Professor (Dr.) Gerd Kirchhoff, Professor for Victimology and Criminology in the Law School of JGU, said, *"The Victimology course deliberates about victimology and victim assistance in international arena. It demonstrates the expectations for restorative justice, communal conflicts as well as criminal justice system. This is the time of growing attention towards privacy rights of victims in India."*

Professor (Dr.) Peacock, Nestor of victimology in Africa remarked, *"The courses of these sort give students an experience beyond the traditional form of learning. Such a platform gives an opportunity to get knowledge, network and brainstorm more and more ideas for victim assistance."*

World Society of Victimology, Indian Society of Victimology, National Law University (Delhi), University of Madras, Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Raksha Shakthi University are the knowledge partners for this course.