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The Era of a Planetary Crisis: Making International Law Work



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 **2:00 PM to
3:30 PM IST**

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PROGRAMME

■ 2:00 pm - 2:05 am	Floral Tribute and Lighting of the Lamp
■ 2:05 pm - 2:15 pm	Welcome Address Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University
■ 2:15 pm - 2:20 pm	Introductory Remarks Professor Dabiru Sridhar Patnaik Registrar, O.P. Jindal Global University
■ 2:20 pm - 3:05 pm	Dr. R.P. Anand Memorial Lecture <i>on the theme</i> “The Era of a Planetary Crisis: Making International Law Work” Professor (Dr.) Bharat H. Desai Professor of International Law Chairperson, Centre for International Legal Studies School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University
■ 3:05 pm - 3:25 pm	Q&A
■ 3:25 pm - 3:30 pm	Concluding Remarks Professor (Dr.) S.G. Sreejith Executive Dean, Jindal Global Law School
	Presenter Ms. Suprita Acharya Lecturer, Jindal Global Law School



PROFESSOR (DR.) R.P. ANAND (1933-2011)

Dr. Ram Prakash Anand (1933–2011) was an international legal scholar and a pioneer of developing countries approaches to international law. Dr. Anand received an LL.M. in international law with distinction from Delhi University in 1957. He attended Yale Law School as a Sterling Fellow, receiving an LL.M. in 1962 and a J.S.D. in 1964.

Dr. Anand wrote extensively on the law of the sea, international adjudication, the birth of states, and the sovereign equality of states, authoring and editing over 20 books and nearly 100 articles in leading journals of international law. He was invited to give a lecture on "Sovereign Equality of States in International Law" at the prestigious Hague Academy of International Law. He was elected an Associate Member of the Institute de Droit International.

In 1973, he was appointed as a consultant to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Law of the Sea. He was one of the founders of the Asian Society of International Law and served as president of the Indian Society of International Law.

In the words of Judge Xue Hanquin of the International Court of Justice, he was “one of the most prominent international lawyers in India and Asia” who made significant contributions to the improvement and development of international law. At the time of his death, he was a Professor Emeritus of International Law at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Following his death in 2011, the Asian Society of International Law convened an event to commemorate his life and the impact of his work.

PROFESSOR (DR.) BHARAT H. DESAI

Professor Dr. Bharat H. Desai holds the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Chair in International Environmental Law as well as is Professor of International Law and Chairman of Centre for International Legal Studies in School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Environmental Policy and Law* (IOS Press: Amsterdam).

Prof. Desai's significant books in International Law include: (1) **Regulating Global Climate Change: From Common Concern to Planetary Concern** (Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2023); *Editor*; (2) **Soil Law and Governance in India** (Berlin: Springer Nature, 2023); *Editor*; (3) **Sexuelle und geschlechtsspezifische Gewalt im internationalen Recht**, German Language Edition (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2023; with co-author); (4) **Envisioning Environmental Future: Stockholm+50 and beyond** (Amsterdam, Berlin, Washington DC: IOS Press, 2022); *Editor*; (5) **Sexual and Gender Based Violence in International Law: Making International Institutions Work** (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2022) (with co-author); (6) **Our Earth Matters: Pathways to a Better Common Environmental Future**, *Editor* (Amsterdam, Berlin, Washington DC: IOS Press, 2021); (7) **International Environmental Governance: Towards UNEPO?** (Boston, USA: Brill Nijhoff, 2014); (8) **Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Legal Status of the Secretariats** (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2010; paperback edition 2013); (9) **Creeping Institutionalization: Multilateral Environmental Agreements & Human Security** (Bonn: United Nations University-EHS, 2006); (10) **Institutionalizing International Environmental Law** (New York: Transnational Publishers, 2003).

Prof. Desai has mooted proposals for (1) United Nations Environment Protection Organization (UNEPO); (2) revival and repurpose of the UN Trusteeship Council (UNTC) with a new mandate for environment and the global commons (both in an invited talk on 15 January 1999 at Legal Department of the World Bank, DC) as well as (3) International Environment Court (IEC). These cutting-edge ideas have been published in journal of international repute such as: (1) “The Repurposed Trusteeship Council for the Future”, *Environmental Policy and Law*, vol.52, no. 3-4, pp. 223-235, 2022; (2) “ICTs as the New Environmental Sentinels”, *Environmental Policy and Law*, vol.51, no. 1-2, pp.121-134, 2021; (3) “The Quest for a UN Specialized Agency for the Environment”, *The Round Table* (London), vol. 101, no.2, pp.167-179; April 2012; (4) “UNEP: A Global Environmental Authority?”, *Environmental Policy and Law*, vol.36, no. 3-4, pp.137-157, 2006; (5) “Revitalizing International Environmental Institutions: The UN Task Force Report and Beyond”, *Indian Journal of International Law* (New Delhi), vol.40, no.3, pp.455-504, 2000.

Prof. Desai has been consulted by the Union Ministries of Environment & Forests as well as Ministry of External Affairs and inducted as a member of the Official Indian Delegations to various inter-governmental negotiations.

Prof. Desai initiated and coordinated four-partner (JNU, Jammu, Kashmir and Sikkim) *Inter-University Consortium on Himalayan Cryosphere* (2012-2020).

