



**NALSAR UNIVERSITY  
OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

**UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN  
NORWAY**



# Project Expun

## **INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON**

# **Rethinking Incarceration: Challenges in Sentencing and Administration of Imprisonment**

**HYBRID MODE**



**Date:**  
**21st February, 2026**



**Venue:**  
**NALSAR University of Law,  
Hyderabad**

# ABOUT NALSAR



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NALSAR University of Law was established in 1998 to provide comprehensive legal education that promotes cultural, legal, and ethical values and strengthens the rule of law. It is recognized as a leading law university in India, known for high academic standards comparable to top global institutions. NALSAR has received an A++ grade from NAAC with one of the highest scores among National Law Universities and has been designated a Category-I University by the UGC, granting it greater academic autonomy. It was also the first law university in India to adopt a full Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) aligned with international norms, and it enhances global exposure through programs like the Government of India's GIAN initiative by hosting eminent international scholars and practitioners.



# ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN



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The University of Bergen (UiB) is an internationally recognised research university. Academic diversity and high quality are fundamental for us. UiB is the most cited university in Norway.

There are seven faculties at UiB and there are more than 20 000 students at the university. We employ almost 4 200 faculty and staff. PhD candidates are paid employees, making the doctoral degree at UiB particularly attractive for rising talent. About half of graduating doctors are from outside Norway.



# PROJECT EXPUN

EXPUN is a research project that aims to explore and address the challenges in the administration of punishment within the criminal justice system.

The project focuses on the different frameworks of penal execution in Norway and India, examining the philosophical, legal, economic, and criminological perspectives involved. The project aims to identify the discrepancies between the law in theory and practice, analyse the impact of these discrepancies, and formulate recommendations for improving the legal frameworks.

The research project utilizes a mixed research methodology, including legal doctrinal analysis, legal empirical research, and comparative analysis. The ultimate goal of the project is to contribute to the development of more effective and equitable sentencing policies that promote rehabilitation and reduce crime.





# ABOUT THE COLLOQUIUM

The colloquium “Rethinking Incarceration: Challenges in Sentencing and Administration of Imprisonment” is part of Project EXPUN, a joint research initiative between NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, and the University of Bergen, Norway. Project EXPUN critically examines contemporary challenges in criminal punishment, with particular attention to custodial practices, correctional administration, rehabilitation, and the effectiveness and proportionality of penal responses.

The colloquium serves as an academic and policy forum bringing together judges, senior police officers, prison administrators, academics, and policy experts to reflect on sentencing practices, the rationale and impact of incarceration, and the role of alternatives to imprisonment.

It is organised into three thematic sessions:

1. **Sentencing Imprisonment** – Judicial Dilemmas and Structural Challenges, focusing on judicial discretion, proportionality, legal certainty, and the lack of structured sentencing frameworks.
2. **Incarceration Revisited** – Rationale, Impact, and Alternatives examines the social, economic, and rehabilitative consequences of imprisonment and explores non-custodial and semi-custodial alternatives.
3. **Implementation, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration** – From Sentence to Society, addressing post-sentencing challenges, rehabilitation, mental health, reintegration, and institutional coordination.

Overall, the colloquium aims to identify systemic gaps, encourage informed dialogue, and contribute to more humane, principled, and effective approaches to punishment, while generating insights for judicial practice, policy reform, and legal education under Project EXPUN.



# DISTINGUISHED PANELLISTS



**Hon'ble Justice N Anand Venkatesh**  
Judge, The High Court of Judicature at  
Madras

**Hon'ble Justice Gunnu Anupama  
Chakravarthy**

Judge, The High Court of Judicature, Patna



**Hon'ble Justice Hari Haranadha Sarma**  
Judge, The High Court of Judicature at  
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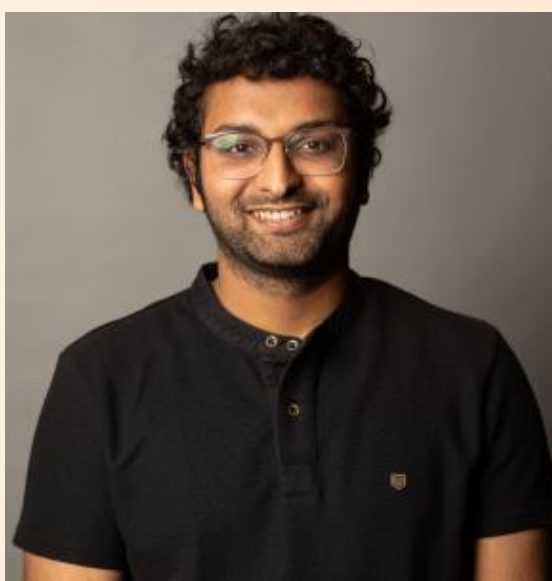


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## Registration Details

### REGISTRATION OPEN TO

- Academicians
- Researchers and scholars
- Legal and criminal justice professionals
- Policymakers, and
- Students

### REGISTRATION FORM LINK

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW6rGvThr5yrgzYIKZXMWi2TnrP72anZK6uuPlIB3Bluj3KA/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

### LAST DATE

The last date of Registration shall be **19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.**



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### REGISTRATION FEES

**Online - ₹ 150**

**Offline - ₹ 500**

Participation **E- Certificates** will be granted to the registered attendees



# TEAM

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