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From the  Editor-in-Chief's desk

I feel happy and proud to offer the second issue of the "Crime & Justice Perspective". There are many issues for criminologists to speak about. After all, each one of us strive and seek to develop a more transparent Criminal Justice System, in order to strengthen the sense of community responsibility for adequate assistance to victims, sentencing, punishment and rehabilitation of the aberrant.

However, discussions take place against a backdrop of continuing increases in the crime rates. As India goes to polls, the electorates' impression about crime and related dimensions, gains significance. Can such a diffused terrain ever be mapped? Well, only as much as a recent survey, from which emanates the collective experiences of people. Many (57 %) believe women and girls on the streets are safe: A rider revealing a regional skewness- where the North (55%) believes women are not safe and the south (75 %) believes women are safe. There is a

wide endorsement (52 %) of using Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) in dealing with terrorism, out of this 56 % of the approval comes from those aged between 18 and 24. Evaluating the public services, Indians estimated that telephony, school education and roads to have improved, while policing continued to remain the same (India Today-ORG-MARG poll, 2004).

While the perception of Indians on Criminal Justice being that, Crime prevention, per se, can

be casually thought of as burglar

alarms and

neighbourhood watch.

Yet, if we look deeper in to the causes of crime in its entirety, we will grasp its theoretical underpinnings, themes and methodologies emerged from the assimilations and tensions of the people. Once we realize this, we will recognize much work needs to be done. If, we as professionals want a safer society, we must share responsibility for trying to ensure to resolve the issue of aetiology of crimes. At a deeper level, we need to go on making connections with many other people of good conscience involved with Criminal

Justice matters. This newsletter is one such initiative.

The newsletter will also throw light on contemporary developments in research and opportunities, available. If you find the newsletter useful, you may forward relevant announcements and updates frequently to the editors.

As the global frontiers shrink, I do believe, there will come a day when concern about Criminal Justice is as embedded in our lives, as concern about our own well being.

P. Madhava Soma Sundaram



National Seminar on Human Rights

Speaker Chellappandian Lakshmiammal Endowment Lecture

Eminent Criminologists Prof. S.M. Diaz

National Seminar on Grassroots Protection of Human Rights

Approaches to the Reform of Governance in India

The Department of
Criminology and Criminal

Justice (DOCCJ), Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU), Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with Indian Society of Victimology, and the Nagercoil Citizens Welfare Council, Tamil Nadu organized a National Seminar on "Grassroots Protection of Human Rights – Approaches to the Reform of Governance in India" on 27th December 2003.

Hon'ble Dr. Justice A.S. Anand, Former Chief Justice of India & Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) inaugurated the seminar. Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice Chancellor, MSU, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. Francis A. Julian, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Mr. C. Raj Kumar, Lecturer in Law, City University of Hong Kong, introduced the theme of the seminar. Earlier, Dr. P. Madhava Soma Sundaram, Head, DOCCJ, welcomed the gathering and Mr. M. Ahmed Khan, President, The Nagercoil Citizens' Welfare Council, delivered the vote of thanks.

Hon'ble Justice Mr. M. G. Mukherjee, Chairperson, West Bengal Human Rights Commission and Dr. K. Sadasivan, Professor and Head, Department of History, & Member of the Syndicate, MSU, chaired the session on "Human Rights at the Grassroots – Implications for Good Governance". The following persons presented the papers in this session. Mr. Justice K.

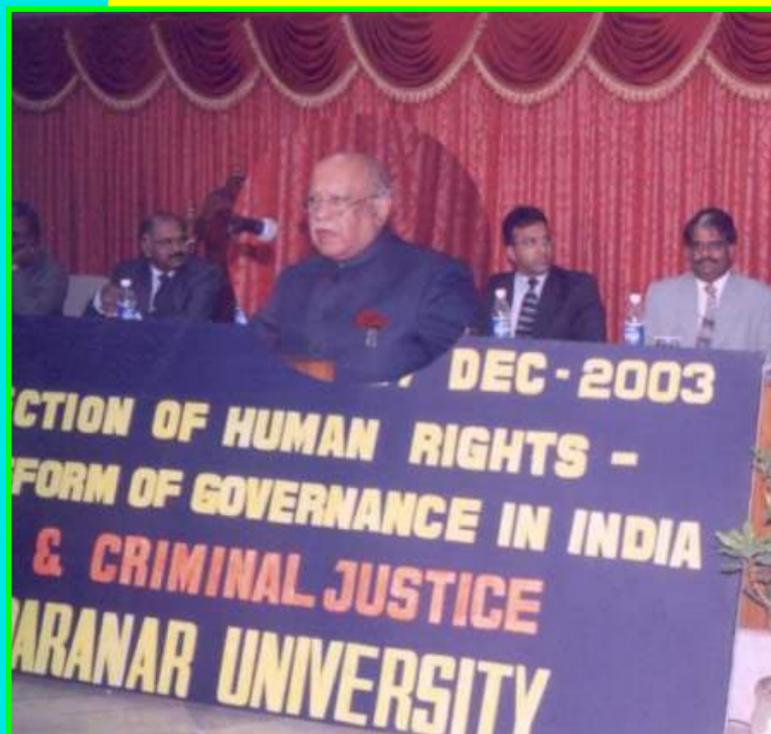
Sukumaran, Former Judge, High Court, Kerala & Bombay, Dr. A. Francis Julian, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Mr. C. Raj Kumar City University of Hong Kong.

Dr. G. Karunanithi, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, MSU, chaired the second session on "Grassroots Approaches to Protection of Human Rights – Role of Women, NGOs and Civil Society". The following persons presented the papers in this session. Dr. K.A. Manikumar, Professor of History, MSU, Dr. X. Rosary Mary, Faculty, St. Mary's College, Tuticorin, Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Director, People's Watch,

and Dr. D.K. Srivastava, Professor of Law, City University of Hong Kong.

Hon'ble Justice Mr. V.R. Krishna Iyer, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, delivered the valedictory address. Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice Chancellor, MSU, chaired this session. Dr. Francis Julian, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Mr. C. Raj Kumar, City University of Hong Kong, evaluated the seminar. Dr. M. Srinivasan, Lecturer, Department of Criminology, University of Madras, read the summary of recommendations of the seminar. Earlier, Dr. P. Madhava Soma Sundaram, Head, DOCCJ, welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. Nagarajan, Registrar, MSU, delivered the vote of thanks.

The best part of the seminar is that, the whole proceedings of the seminar were videographed by the DD & CE, MSU and it is to be provided in CD's as study material to the Criminology students of both distance and regular and also for the students of the proposed PG diploma in Human rights.



Eminent Criminologists

Prof. S.M. Diaz

Victor Hugo's character in "Les Miserables", Inspector Javert is described as "An officer without crease in his uniform as in his conduct". This could apply as such to Prof. S. M. Diaz, a fine Police Officer and an erudite Criminology teacher.

Born Susai Micheal Diaz in Manapad, Tamil Nadu on March 1, 1919, he was Prof. S.M Diaz to all who knew and admired him. He started his career as a teacher of Mathematics in St. Joseph's College, Trichy and served as a teacher in the Armed Forces Academy, Dehradun (1940-49). In 1949, he topped the first batch of Indian Police Service (IPS) at Mount Abu.

Dr. Diaz was the Deputy Inspector General (Crimes) of the Unified Crime branch of the Tamil Nadu Police and investigated some of the complex cases. He rose on to become the Inspector General of Police (Prisons), Tamil Nadu and served as a member of the Tamil Nadu Prison Reforms Commission which improved the quality of correctional services in Tamil Nadu. He was instrumental in moving the Central Police Training College from Mount Abu, Rajasthan which

was subsequently renamed as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) to Hyderabad, which as a city is considered to be more accessible. He served as the Director of SVPNPA from 1975 to 1977.

On his retirement from Police service, he took over as the Honorary Professor of Criminology, when Criminology was taught in the Department of Psychology, University of Madras and when Criminology became a separate department, he was a regular visiting faculty until his last breath.

Retirement for him did not mean rest as it did for many. He considered it as an opportune moment to work for his doctoral degree. He was well into his 70s, when he conducted his research on "Public Perception of Police Image" in the Department of Psychology, University of Madras.

He has attended the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders at Milan in 1985, and the World Society of Victimology in Zagreb, subsequently. There was hardly any country which he has not visited as a teacher of Criminology.

Teaching was his greatest interest and this was evident in his powerful lectures laced with his experiences. His favourite topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice were Community Policing, Correc-

tional Administration, and Juvenile Delinquency. He was at his best, when he taught, the difficult portions of theories of crime where the spellbound students will hear him with rapt attention. He also taught at Madras Management Association, C.L. Kothari Institute at Chennai. One of the major highlights of his class was his motivating lectures and preparing the students to face the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Interview panel for civil services. He was a member of the UPSC selection board for a long time.

He was bestowed with many awards and distinctions like Paul Harris Fellowship by Madras Rotary Club, distinguished Leadership award by the American Bio-graphic Institute, Order of Merit by the Institute of biography, U.K. and Walter C. Reckless – Kumarappa award by the Indian Society of Criminology. He has to his credit of four books and 50 articles published in Indian and International journals. He had a unquenching thirst for Thiruvalluvar's 'Thirukural' and he translated the 1,330 verses in to English.

It was at the SVPNPA which he nurtured, he met his end on February 20, 2000, during the Silver Jubilee celebrations where he had gone to do what he liked the most i.e teaching youngsters. He was a fine officer, a true gentleman, a great teacher and an erudite scholar. He was an Immortal inspiration to all the learners of Criminology.

“

Crime has a thousand roots ... but a single outcome. It stems from fear and hatred, greed and corruption, deprivation and suffering. But it always ends with one thing: Victims.

— Peter Kent.

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Speaker Chellapandian
Lakshmiammal Endowment
Lecture



The DOCCJ, MSU, organised the Ist Speaker Chellapandian – Lakshmi-ammal Endowment Lecture on 23rd January 2004. Prof.K. Chockalingam, Vice Chancellor, MSU, presided over the endowment lecture and delivered the presidential address. Earlier, Dr. P. Madhava Soma Sundaram, Head of DOCCJ, welcomed the gathering. Prof. K.Sadasivan, Head, Department of History, MSU, recollected the achievements of Speaker Chellapandian. Prof. Hidemichi Morosawa, Professor of Victimology, and Chairperson, Tokiwa University, Mito, Japan delivered the Speaker Chellapandian – Lakshmiammal Endowment Lecture on the topic “*Victimological developments in Japanese Criminal Justice Sys-*

tem”. He highlighted the victmological developments and the growing concern for victims in Japan. At the end of his lecture, he announced the institution of an endowment lecture in the field of victimology in DOCCJ, MSU for \$5000/-.

Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice Chancellor, MSU, released the first copy of “*Crime and Justice Perspective*” and Prof. Hidemichi Morosawa, received it.

Dr. Beulah Shekhar, Faculty member of DOCCJ, proposed a vote of thanks. The DOCCJ, profusely thank Prof.Hidemichi Morosawa, for his proposed institution of endowment lecture in Victimology.

Crime Quiz



1. Dr. Harold Shipman
2. Harilal J. Kania
3. Persians
4. Movimento Anti-Francesi Italiano
5. John Edgar Hoover



1. Which Doctor is popularly referred to as Dr. Death and he committed suicide recently?
2. Who was the first Chief Justice of India?
3. Hanging is the method by which capital punishment is given in India. Which civilization was the first to use this method?
4. MAFIA is a well known criminal organization. What does the acronym MAFIA stand for?
5. Which famous person remained the head of FBI for a record of 48 years, starting from 1924?

We welcome your feedback and contributions in the form of success and failure stories, new initiatives, articles on contemporary issues, announcements, interviews of persons working in Criminal Justice and related areas.

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Four murders per hour are occurring in India according to "Crime in India" (2000), the official publication of National Crime Records Bureau, India.



Congratulations!!! on the publication of your newsletter. I have printed the PDF file of your newsletter on a colour laser printer and it both looks and

reads very well. Well done, and thanks for including me in the distribution.

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