

IJO & ACUNS Delhi Liaison Office Activity Report

International Jurists Organisation (IJO) Supported By Delhi Liaison Office held meeting on 12th January, on theme : “The Road To Dignity By 2030: Ending Poverty Transforming All Lives And Protecting The Planet.” (Synthesis report of the UN Secretary General on Post 2015 agenda.). The Delhi liaison office of ACUNS while working on SDGs 2015-30 focused on one of the elements of the Secretary General’s report that is to Promote Safe and Peaceful Societies and Strong Institutions. The Chair of the meeting and keynote speaker, Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, Prof. in Chinese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, initiated the discussion on the abovementioned theme examining the present crisis from Middle east, South Asia and East Asia region, Prof. Kondapalli spoke about the situation in South Asia comprising Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka and made a presentation on China’s Development experience. He spoke about the economic growth in China overtaking Japan as the second largest economy. With regard to Sustainable development, he spoke about absence of environment concerns in China, while pursuing development goals. He spoke about Asia region, where China and India, have reduced in poverty but there is a widening of gap between rich and poor.

Intervening in discussion Mr. Rajinder Sachar, Senior Advocate of Supreme Court, intervened and said that poverty is the worst form of Human Rights violations, prevalent in Middle East and South Asian countries. He spoke about the lopsided development in Asian countries, denying dignity to the people.

Prof. Manindra Nath Thakur, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, intervened calling for Mapping Of Conflict And Preemptive Crisis In Asia Region. He called for more understanding of the present identity crisis and preemptive requirement for avoiding denial of justice to the people.

Ms. Shireen Vakil Miller, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Save the Children, intervened and spoke about the UN Secretary General’s report element of “People: To Ensure Healthy Lives, Knowledge, And The Inclusion Of Women & Children.” The subject was in context of the year 2014, Noble Peace Prize awarded to Indian and Pakistani citizens for their work towards child welfare and female education.

Prof. Mirian S.R. Oliveira, Associate Professor, Universidade Federal da Integracao Latino-Americana, Brazil, intervened and focused on similarity between South Asian countries and Latin American countries in denying social justice to their citizens. While adopting development agenda the governments in South America are ignoring social justice to the people causing crisis of division in society.