

**National Consultation on
'Current Challenges and Reforms
in Civil and Criminal Justice Delivery System'**

1. At Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a National Consultation on the subject is being organized on 28th January 2012 in collaboration with Law Commission of India and Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.
2. This Consultation will be held as a part of ongoing projects undertaken by the Law Commission of India. The students and faculty members of Symbiosis Law School, Judges and Judicial Officers (from Pune and Mumbai), lawyers, academics and representatives of NGOs / Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, are expected to participate in the Conference, apart from the Chairman and Members of Law Commission.
3. The Consultation will be held in four panel Sessions following the inaugural function at 10.00 AM. The themes of the four Sessions are as follows: (i) Panel Session I : Socio-Economic and Political Impact of Delays in Administration of Justice; (ii) Panel Session II: Current Challenges and Reforms in Civil Justice Delivery System: Family Disputes, Causes of Delay and Remedies, Continuity in Trial, Execution Matters, needed procedural changes, etc.; (iii) Panel Session III: Current Challenges and Reforms in Criminal Justice Delivery System – Sec.138 of NI Act, Sec. 498-A of IPC, Plea Bargaining, Corruption, Cases, Old Session Cases, etc. and (iv) Panel Session IV: Reform Agenda and Capacity Building for Justice Workers: (a) Reflection on Alternative Justice System: Exploring Mediation (b) Exploring Alternatives.
4. The Consultation will have objectives, *inter alia*, to interact on the issues concerning the justice delivery system, viz., speedy justice and access to justice and to explore how legal education and research can contribute to tackle certain current challenges impeding speedy delivery of civil and criminal justice in the country. There will be interaction on various issues confronting the administration of justice including procedural and other reforms.