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**A conference on legal and
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climate justice in
Sundarbans**

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**The NUJS Legal Aid Society in collaboration with
King's College Legal Clinic and Doughty Street Chambers**

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Agenda of the Conference

The Sundarbans Climate Justice Partnership between Kings College London, Jadavpur University, Doughty Street Chambers and the West Bengal National University Of Juridical Sciences strives to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on people living in the Indian Sundarbans and hold those responsible accountable. The initiative seeks to empower affected communities by increasing chances of access to climate justice through pop-up legal clinics and transnational soft law legal remedies to utilise the OECD mechanisms and hold industries most directly complicit for the climate crisis in Sundarbans accountable.

In light of these developments, the NUJS Legal Aid Society, in furtherance of its collaboration with King's College, London and Doughty Street Chambers, UK hopes to bring together experts across law, policy, anthropology, and geology as well as journalists and stakeholders to discuss some of these questions on July 23rd and 24th, 2022, at the NUJS campus in Kolkata.

Schedule

Day- 1

July 23, 2022, SATURDAY

10:00 AM

Tea and Registration

10:30 AM

Inaugural Address and Candle lighting

Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Chakrabarti

Vice-Chancellor,

West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Panel 1 - Refugees of Paradise Lost: Climate Refugees of Sundarbans

• Documentary Screening,

'Surviving the Sundarbans: Tales of the Delta's Climate Refugees'

produced for **The Quint by Ishadrita Lahiri and Debayan Dutta**

• **Ishadrita Lahiri**

Journalist, The Print

• **Mohan Kumar Bera**

Assistant Professor, BITS-Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus

• **Megnaa Mehta**

Environmental Anthropologist, University College London (UCL)

• **Shohail Bin Saifullah**

Research Officer, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh

• **Moderator: MP Chengappa**

Assistant Professor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

Lunch

02:00 PM to 04:00 PM

Panel 2 - Nowhere to go: Narratives of Conflict and Adaptation in the Sundarbans

• **Nihar Ranjan Raptan**

Founder-Secretary, Goranbose Gram Bikash Kendra (GGBK)

• **Ritwika Mitra**

Journalist, The Fuller Project and the Wire

• **Tapas Mondal**

Sundarbans based activist

• **Breakout Session with members of the**

Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum and the Tiger Widows Forum

• **Moderator: Ankita Chakravarty**

Assistant Professor and Faculty Adviser, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. Legal Aid Society.

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM

Tea and Snacks

04:30 PM - 06:00 PM

Keynote Address: Ritwik Dutta

Founder and Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)

07:00 PM

Dinner party



10:00 AM

Tea

10:30 AM

Opening Remarks

Prof. Shameek Sen

Professor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Panel 3 - Grounded legal and extra-legal remedies in the Sundarbans: Challenges ahead

• **Shantanu Chakraverti**

Lead Researcher, The Society for Direct Initiative for Social and Health Action (DISHA)

• **Mukut Biswas**

Founder, Managing Trustee and Executive Director, Prameya Foundation

• **Upasona Ghosh**

Assistant Professor, Public Health Foundation of India.

• **Anamitra Anurag Danda**

Director, Sundarbans Programme, WWF India

• **Sankar Halder**

President, MUKTI foundation

• **Moderator: Shantanu Chakraborty**

Representative, The Society for Direct Initiative for Social and Health Action (DISHA)

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

Lunch

02:00 PM – 02:45 PM

Presentation on the Rampal Coal Plant and surrounding activism

• **Mehedi Hasan,**

Member Secretary, Bangladesh Working Group on External Debt (BWGED)

• **R Sreedhar,**

Earth Scientist, Environics Trust

02:45 PM – 04:30 PM

Panel 4 - Transnational legal remedies for climate justice: Emerging pathways

• **Sue Willman and Ankita Chakravarty**

Assistant Director, King's College Legal Clinic, and Assistant Professor and Faculty Adviser, NUJS Legal Aid Society

• **Dr. Surya Deva**

Former Chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

• **Aditi Singh,**

Assistant Professor & Assistant Dean (Academic Affairs), Jindal Global Law School. The Assistant Director of the Environment Law Clinic at JGLS.

• **Moderator: Krishnendu Mukherjee**

Barrister and Indian Advocate, Doughty Street Chambers

04:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Tea

05:00 PM - 06:30 PM

Keynote Address: Rt. Justice Madan Bhimarao Lokur

Indian jurist, Judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji and former Judge of the Supreme Court of India