

7th Sat Paul Mittal Memorial Lecture
by
Hon'ble Justice Aravind Kumar, Supreme Court of India
at
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Brief Report

The 7th Sat Paul Mittal Memorial Lecture was organized by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD) in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, on 18th February, 2025. Hon'ble Justice Aravind Kumar of the Supreme Court of India delivered the



lecture, titled *“Parental Care, Obligation, and Rights of Elderly Parents: Moral and Legal Perspectives,”* delved into the ethical and legal dimensions of elderly care in contemporary society.

Prof. P.J. Kurien, Chairman, IAPPD, presided over the event and **Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Rector, JNU,** was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Other distinguished attendees included **Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU,** and **Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Technical Expert, IAPPD.** The proceedings were moderated by **Dr. Bhaswati Das, CSRD, JNU.**



In his lecture, **Hon'ble Justice Aravind Kumar** emphasized the crucial role of society in ensuring dignity, security, and care for the elderly. He remarked, *"The elderly have spent their lives shaping society, nurturing families, and upholding traditions. It is our moral and legal responsibility to provide them with the respect and care they deserve. True justice for the elderly extends beyond legal frameworks; it calls for compassion, love, and a collective commitment to their well-being."*

Prof. P.J. Kurien, in his presidential address, paid tribute to **Late Shri Sat Paul Mittal**, the founding Chairman of IAPPD, highlighting his contributions to population and development issues. **Prof. Dipendra Nath Das** expressed gratitude to **Hon'ble Justice Aravind Kumar** for addressing such a vital subject, while **Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma** extended the Vote of Thanks. **Prof. Sudesh Nangia** and **Mr. Manmohan Sharma** further elaborated on the legacy of IAPPD and the significance of the Memorial Lecture.

More than 200 students, senior faculty members of JNU, and other invited dignitaries gathered to attend the insightful lecture, marking a significant occasion in the ongoing dialogue about the welfare of elderly parents.

