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You are cordially invited to participate in the
**DR. ARJUN K. SENGUPTA
6TH MEMORIAL LECTURE**

on

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by



MR. K J ALPHONS

FORMER UNION MINISTER FOR TOURISM

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2023 | TIME: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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PROGRAMME

- 3:00 pm – 3:10 pm — **Welcome Address & Tribute to the legacy of Dr. Arjun K. Sengupta**
Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar
Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University
- 3:10 pm – 3:15 pm — **Introduction to the Speaker**
Professor R. Sudarshan
Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP)
- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm — **Dr. Arjun K. Sengupta 6th Memorial Lecture**
Mr. K J Alphons
Former Union Minister for Tourism
- 3:45 pm – 3:55 pm — **Discussion**
Professor Kaveri Haritas
Dean Programme Strategy, JSGP
will be the Moderator
- 3:55 pm – 4:00 pm — **Concluding Remarks**
Professor Dabiru Sridhar Patnaik
Registrar, O.P. Jindal Global University



DR. ARJUN K. SENGUPTA

10 JUNE 1937 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2010

Dr. Arjun Sengupta was born in Calcutta on June 10, 1937. He held an M.A. in Economics from Calcutta University, Presidency College, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. One of India's most eminent economists, he had an illustrious and multifaceted career as a scholar, policymaker, diplomat and parliamentarian. Dr. Sengupta was Special Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi, from 1981 to 1984; Executive Director and Special Advisor to the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund from 1985 to 1990; Ambassador of India to the European Union from 1990 to 1993; Member Secretary of the Indian Government's Planning Commission, with the rank of Minister of State, from 1993 to 1998; and a Member of the Parliament of India (Rajya Sabha-Independent) from 2006 until his death. He taught at numerous academic institutions, including the London School of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Harvard University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and was the United Nations Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Human Rights Commission, Geneva, 1999 to 2004; Independent Expert on extreme poverty, 2005 to 2008 and Chair of the Working Group on the Right to Development from 2008 to 2010. Dr. Sengupta's rich body of work has significantly influenced policy-making, particularly in the areas of poverty, food management and social security for unorganized sector workers. The Sengupta Report is a guiding force to provide minimum social security for all unorganized workers. Dr. Sengupta's eminence in public life was matched by his success in personal relationships. He was a loving husband, father, brother and son, a loyal friend and inspiring colleague. He is remembered for his sense of humour, conciliatory nature, open laughter, zest for life, and love of food, song and literature. He shall be profoundly missed. Dr. Arjun Sengupta is survived by his wife, Jayshree, daughter, Madhura (Mitu), and brothers, Pinaki Sengupta and Arya Sengupta.

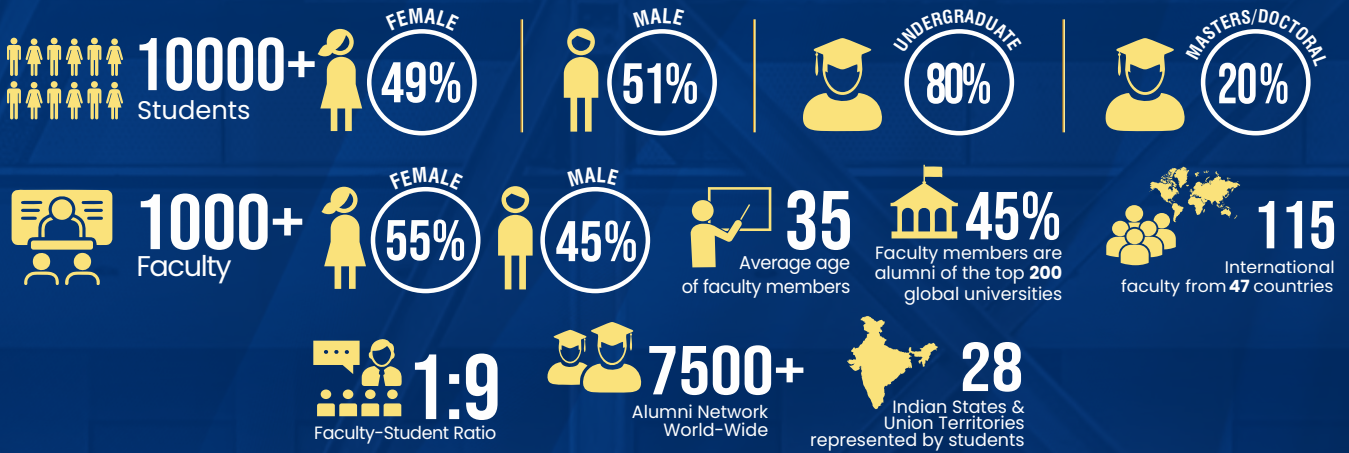


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KJ Alphons is the former Union Minister for Tourism. He was also a Minister of State for Information Technology and Electronics (2017-2019). He was a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), 2017-2022, from Rajasthan. He belongs to the 1979 batch of the IAS. As District Collector of Kottayam in Kerala, he pioneered the literacy movement by making Kottayam India's first 100% literate town in 1989. He pioneered the mass contact program, which took the government to the people. This won the highest UN award for good governance. Kottayam achieved a quality of health index comparable to advanced economies in 1990. As Commissioner of Delhi Development Authority, he razed to the ground 14310 illegal buildings, belonging to the rich and the powerful. In 1994 he was in Time Magazine's list of 100 Young Leaders for the next millennium. He quit IAS and became an independent MLA in Kerala in 2006. He completely redefined what it is to be an MLA and won the best MLA award. As a Member of Parliament, he generally spoke on the state of the economy, education, health care and environment. During his tenure as Tourism Minister, India was ranked at number 3 globally in terms of revenue generation and employment creation, with an annual revenue of US\$ 234 billion, employing 81 million people, in 2019. He believes that anything is possible.

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